



Welcome to Paddle Georgia 2017! In this packet you'll find all you need to know to prepare for and participate in this year's adventure. Having already registered, you may have submitted all the information that we need to make your trip a pleasant one (meal orders, shuttle preference, signed waivers, etc.). On the other hand, IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS INFORMATION, SO...please review this information packet and make sure you can answer some critically important questions like:

- What am I going to eat during Paddle Georgia? (*you should register for our meal plan!*)
- How am I going to get home at the end of the trip? (*we offer shuttle service*)
- What do I need to bring with me? (*we have included a packing list*)
- OMG, I've never paddled before in my life, and I need some instruction! Does Paddle Georgia have a paddle workshop I can take? (*the answer is "yes"*)
- Do I want smoked chicken salad sandwiches every day for lunch or should I mix in some ham salad, PBJs or a hummus wrap? (*do PBJs ever really get old?...*)
- I really want to bring my portable beer keg with me...Can I bring that? (*the answer is "no," but if the question occurred to you, you should really, really read our Paddle Georgia policies!*)

TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION...

Please go to our online registration site at
<http://www.regonline.com/paddlega2017>

At this website, you can complete registration for meals and shuttle services and sign up for the free paddle workshop. Once on the site, please enter your e-mail and your password. If you do not remember your password, you can click on a link that will e-mail your forgotten password to you! If you have not signed your waiver already, you can sign the electronic form or access printable forms that can be signed and mailed to Georgia River Network by using the following link:

Adult Waiver: <https://www.smartwaiver.com/w/586ffda3c9a64/web/>

Minor Waiver: <https://www.smartwaiver.com/w/5862d17a7307e/web/>

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MISSION AND GENERAL POLICIES

About Paddle Georgia

Paddle Georgia is a project of Georgia River Network, a statewide non-profit organization working to ensure a clean water legacy by engaging and empowering Georgians to protect, restore and enjoy our rivers from the mountains to the coast. We provide educational water adventures, advocate for clean water, assist in the development of water trails and much more. Learn about our work at www.garivers.org.

Paddle Georgia is an annual week-long paddling adventure, open to all paddling skill levels, created for the sole purpose of having a great time while engaging and empowering citizens so that they may become involved in the protection and restoration of Georgia's rivers. Each year, it serves as a fundraiser for Georgia River Network and local watershed groups working to protect the year's paddling route.

In its first 12 years, more than 4,000 people have participated in Paddle Georgia, and we have raised more than \$400,000 for river protection. Our participants come from all walks of life and have ranged in age from 4 to 84. In addition to experiencing the beauty of Georgia's rivers, these individuals have experienced a rare and unique sense of community during their week-long journeys.

Paddle Georgia *is not* a commercial, for-profit guided trip for individuals. *It is* an educational community adventure led by volunteers and staff of non-profit organizations and depends on well-prepared and self-sufficient individuals and the pooled efforts of the entire Paddle Georgia group. As such, participants should come prepared to take care of all their own needs and to volunteer their services during the course of the week. These services include assisting themselves and others at launch sites/take outs, loading/unloading gear trucks, serving dinners, breakfasts and lunches, or lending a hand to your paddling friend when one is needed. If you wish to be pampered by professional guides, this isn't the trip for you. But, if you want to experience a real community, brought together under a common goal and by the thrill of adventure, Paddle Georgia is it.

Georgia River Network supports [private property rights](#) along rivers through practicing proper [river etiquette](#). You are expected to adhere to the "leave no trace" ethic. This means that you leave the area where you travel and camp in such a manner that the next person to pass the path would never know that another human had passed before them. Pack out and dispose of all trash properly. This applies on the river, launches, take-outs, and campsites. To learn more about the "leave no trace" ethic visit: <http://www.lnt.org/programs/principles.php>

"Rogue" Paddlers:

Paddle Georgia shuttles, campsites, and all other services are for registered Paddle Georgia participants only. While anyone can use the river from public access points, some Paddle Georgia take out/launch sites are on private property. Access to these locations has been arranged in advance by Georgia River Network. Un-registered paddlers may not have use of these take out/launch sites.

Early Departures:

In the event that you decide to leave the trip for any reason, you must make your own transportation arrangements for yourself and your boat(s). Paddle Georgia staff will not be able to provide shuttle services to your vehicle or your home.

Baggage: Please place a label on your luggage, and all other personal belongings, that includes your name and contact information.

Each paddler is limited to **a total of 40 pounds of luggage** (this includes everything you might bring on the trip outside of your boat, paddle and life jacket). You have to haul your baggage and place it in the trailer each morning that we move our campsite, and haul it back to your campsite at each new campsite. After paddling all day (about 8,000 paddle strokes per day), a 40-pound bag is *really* heavy. We recommend you pack as lightly and tightly as possible. Do not tie your bags together. This saves your back and the backs of your fellow paddlers. Everyone is expected to assist with the loading and unloading of the gear trailer during the week.

VERY IMPORTANT! Your gear should be packed so that it will not get wet. In the afternoon, your baggage will be removed and placed outside the gear truck where it will be exposed to the elements (such as late afternoon thunderstorms!). Furthermore, overnight rains will result in gear being packed up wet. A wet tent on top of your clothes bag will result in wet clothes. Plan on inclement weather and make sure you have a bag that will protect important gear in the event of rain.

Personal Property: You are responsible for securing your valuables at camp and on the river. Georgia River Network provides overnight security for boats and equipment left in boats by the river each evening. During the day while you are on the river, staff members maintain a presence at our campsites. However, Georgia River Network cannot be responsible for securing your personal property. Please leave valuables at home or secure these items in a safe place throughout your journey. Georgia River Network is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

Boats: ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PUT THEIR NAME ON THE LEFT BOW OF THEIR BOAT (FRONT, LEFT IF YOU ARE SITTING IN IT) – YOU CAN USE A PIECE OF WATERPROOF TAPE AND PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON IT: YOUR NAME & CELL PHONE #

All paddlers should be aware that the Etowah River has many rocky shoals that in low water can become exposed. Paddlers using boats made of delicate material and/or suited for paddling in oceans and other sandy-bottomed water bodies are hereby forewarned. Only boats that can be carried by yourself and (if needed) one other person are appropriate for this trip.

PADDLE GEORGIA SAFETY

Paddle Georgia participants should be aware that this canoe trip is not a commercially-guided trip. While Georgia River Network and Paddle Georgia staff will be available on the river during each day's paddle and participants with medical and/or First Aid training will be identified, we cannot personally ensure the safety of all participants. Unlike a commercial trip in which paid guides direct you through each bend of the river, Paddle Georgia is designed to be your adventure, and as such, you are responsible for your own safety. **All participants are assuming risks (some of which are outlined below) while participating in Paddle Georgia.**

The following guidelines should be understood before disembarking and followed during the entirety of Paddle Georgia 2017.

Paddle Georgia Safety Policies

1. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed.
2. All participants must attend a pre-launch safety briefing. Participants must adhere to the safety guidelines presented.
3. Participants must wear a properly fitted U.S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at all times on the river.

4. Participants under age 18 are the responsibility of, and must be accompanied by, a parent or guardian.
5. Sorry, no pets allowed.
6. All participants must sign a Medical and Emergency Contact Information sheet and a Waiver of Claims and Release of Liability form. Parents must sign for children under the age of 18.
7. Person-powered watercraft only.
8. All participants must respect private property along the river.
9. All participants must have basic paddling skills and be capable of self-rescue in the water.
10. No more than 2 children under the age of 12 per adult guardian.
11. Georgia River Network is not responsible for any personal property that may be lost, damaged, or stolen during the trip.
12. No firearms allowed. Georgia's Open Carry law does not allow firearms on school grounds, at school functions, on school busses or on any school-furnished transportation even if you hold a valid weapons carry license.

Violations of these policies can result in the participant being removed from the event without refund.

Skill Level Required:

Paddle Georgia 2017 is suitable for novice paddlers. Paddlers should have a basic understanding of paddle strokes, should be able to control their vessels in moving water and be capable of self-rescue in moving or deep water. If you are new to paddling, we highly recommend that you take a canoe/kayak paddling course prior to Paddle Georgia. Paddle Georgia will also offer a paddle workshop on Friday, June 16 (*see details page 11*). The Etowah River is primarily a flatwater river; however, there are numerous small shoals and riffles. No obstacles exceed Class I in difficulty.

Weather:

Average High Temperature: 89 F; Average Low Temperature: 64 F. Average June Rainfall: 3.3 inches

Hazards:

Strainers—Strainers are branches, trees or vegetation partially or totally submerged in the river's current often found along the river's edge. These hazards allow only water to pass through freely. The current will pull anything else down, plastering it into place, similar to the action of a kitchen colander. It is best to approach submerged trees or logs along the river bank from the downstream side to avoid having the current pin your boat against the obstacle or flipped by the force of the water. You should also avoid grabbing on to low hanging branches of partially submerged vegetation as this action can often cause your boat to capsize. To avoid a multi-boat pile up, leave enough room between boats to allow each boat to safely navigate around these obstacles.

Weather—Strong thunderstorms and high winds are not uncommon on summer afternoons in Georgia. In the event of inclement weather that includes the risk of lightning, paddle to shore, secure your boat and find cover under a dense stand of small trees. Avoid open areas, especially open areas with solitary trees, and avoid gathering in large groups. By dispersing yourselves over a large area, you reduce the risk of lightning striking numerous individuals at one time. Squatting, with your feet on a personal flotation device or seat cushion, is a good idea when in the midst of a thunderstorm (while on solid ground—not in your boat!).

Sun and Heat—Hats and appropriate sun screen are recommended. If you get too hot, the river comes with built in air conditioning – get in and cool off. You should carry at least three quarts of water each day to avoid *dehydration*. Sports drinks with electrolytes are also recommended. The first two days are usually the most difficult as we acclimate from spending lots of time in air-conditioned buildings to spending all day in 80-90-degree heat. Prepare by drinking lots of fluids in the days leading up to the trip.

Water Temperature—The combination of cold water and a cold afternoon thunderstorm raises the risk of dangerous changes in body temperature. Be prepared with rain gear and layered clothing that stays warm even when wet (avoid cotton).

Water Quality—Due to a variety of conditions, water quality can vary on the Etowah River and organisms that cause illness may be present. Swimming and submersion in the water increase the risk of contracting water-borne illnesses. Ingesting river water should be avoided and cuts and sores should be kept out of the water and treated if exposed. However, generally, these sections of river do meet water quality standards for recreational use. Bacteria levels tend to be at their highest directly after rain events.

Trash—Unfortunately, the Etowah River collects refuse from surrounding communities. Proper footwear and exercising caution can prevent unnecessary injuries. Participants should wear sandals or shoes that provide adequate protection from broken bottles, rusted appliance parts and tin cans and anything else you might find at your local landfill.

Venomous Snakes—The Etowah River and the land surrounding it are potential habitats for two venomous snakes—rattlesnakes and copperheads. If you encounter any snakes, simply leave them alone. Should you have the misfortune of being bitten, remain calm and get medical assistance as quickly as possible. Bites from these venomous snakes are rarely fatal, given proper medical attention. At any given moment on this trip you will not be more than a few hours from a hospital.

Terra Firma—On its journey through Georgia's ridge and valley region, the rivers wind past varied terrain. When traveling through riverside forest, watch your step. Our most common injuries on Paddle Georgia occur on land, not on the water.

Your Fellow Paddlers—This is a journey involving many individuals with varying degrees of skill level. Space yourselves so that you do not interfere with one another when running shoals and when maneuvering around obstacles. Pileups on the river can be just as dangerous as those that occur on interstate highways. Care should especially be taken on June 17-18. On the first two days of our journey, the river is smaller and there are fewer routes available through each obstacle.

Paddle Georgia “Buddy System”

Paddle Georgia will rely on the “Buddy System” to ensure that all participants arrive safely at the day's take-out point. Before each day's paddle, identify your “buddy boat or boats.” This will be the boat or group of boats with whom you will paddle for the day. The group is responsible for ensuring that if someone needs help on the river that someone is nearby to provide help and that no one is left behind. Do not lose sight of your buddy boat or members of your buddy boat group. Participants who have not identified a buddy boat for the day's paddle will not be permitted to launch from the day's put-in point. A sweep boat will bring up the rear of the day's paddle to further ensure that no one is left behind.

Other Considerations

What do I do if I capsize? On slow moving water, stay with your boat and swim it to shore or shallow water where you can dump the water and right your vessel. It floats even when full with water and can support you if you become tired. Make sure your belongings are secured to your boat to keep from losing them in the event of a capsize. Your fellow buddy boaters can assist in recovering any belongings and help you right your boat.

In fast-moving water or rapids, get away and upstream from your boat until you reach slower moving water. Float on your back, feet downstream. Don't try to stand in fast-moving water. Rocks or other objects can trap

your feet and the force of the water can hold you under. Moving canoes filled with water can pin or crush paddlers against rocks or trees.

In the event of inclement weather... As noted above, thunderstorms are not uncommon during Georgia summers, however, usually these afternoon-variety showers do not last long. If you are on the river during a storm event, take appropriate cover as described above, wait out the storm and continue your journey when it appears safe. Protective facilities along the river for large groups are not available.

Paddle Georgia will make every effort to ensure that each day's paddle is completed in full. However, if all-day dangerous weather is predicted, Paddle Georgia will be cancelled for the day. Boats will be shuttled to the day's next put-in point and participants will be shuttled to the day's next campsite (if moving campsites that day).

Rain alone does not constitute dangerous weather. All participants are expected to paddle rain or shine, or they may make their own arrangements for moving themselves and their boats to the next put-in and campsite.

Exceptions may be made for families paddling with small children.

Swimming... Swimming is permitted with PFDs, but of course, swim at your own risk. There are many excellent swimming holes along the entire route of Paddle Georgia. Water quality on this journey varies due to point and non-point source pollution. Water quality is generally at its least healthy immediately following rain events—this is especially true downstream of urban areas.

Private Property... As you will see, the Etowah River takes you through many a neighbor's backyard. Private property must be respected. It is illegal to trespass onto someone's property, and it is an offense that is prosecutable by law. You may not enter someone's property unless you have first received permission. At least one rest stop, with portable toilet facilities and/or restrooms will be available at the approximate midway point of each day's paddle, therefore it is imperative that you make use of bathroom facilities when they are available. If nature calls, please use a camp trowel and cover all human waste appropriately or carry a sealable plastic bag to remove your waste with you.

Communication in the Event of Emergency... There will be cellular phones on the river at all times (one with the lead boat, one with the sweep boat and others in between). In the event of an emergency, attempt to signal or locate a boat with a cellular phone. If cellular service is available, the participants in these boats can communicate with land-based emergency personnel and on-the-water motorized boats where available. During our safety briefing, you will be provided phone numbers for Georgia River Network staff that should be called in the event of an emergency.

Universal River Signals... Paddle Georgia participants are expected to use universal river signals to communicate with other boats. They are as follows:

- Stop: Potential Danger Ahead—Form a horizontal bar with your paddle and outstretched arms above your head. Those seeing this signal should pass it back to others in the party. Participants should wait for the “all clear signal” before proceeding.
- All Clear—Form a vertical bar with your paddle, raising your arm and paddle above your head. The paddle blade should be turned flat for maximum visibility. This means the trip can proceed. To signal direction or preferred course through an obstacle, lower the all clear to a 45 degree angle toward the side of the river with the preferred route.
- Help/Emergency—Wave paddle over your head and give three long blasts on your whistle. Whistles are best carried attached to your life vest. This means other paddlers should assist the signaler as quickly as possible.
- I'm OK—Holding your elbow out to the side, repeatedly pat the top of your head with your hand. This signals that you are not hurt and do not need assistance.

HOW TO PACK AND PREPARE

What Do I Pack? (here's a checklist of suggested items!)

- Labels with your name for your boat, luggage, and other personal belongings
- Tent or Mosquito Netting
- Ground Cloth
- Sleeping Bag or Sleep Sack
- Sleeping Pad
- Eye/sleep Mask (for sleeping! security lights at schools remain on all night!)
- Reusable Plate/Utensils (wash stations provided)
- Clothing for week
- Waterproof Stuff Sacks for Camp Gear
- Waterproof stuff sack or case for lunch and other on river items.
- Rain gear
- Footwear
- Clothes/Swimsuit
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Necessary Medication
- Money to tip the caterers
- Talent for the Talent Show
- Insect Repellent
- Insect/mosquito head net
- Towel/Wash Cloth
- Soap, Toothpaste, Toiletries
- Flashlight/Head Lamp
- Book
- Camera
- Whistle
- Watertight cases for Boat
- Fishing Gear/License
- Duct Tape
- Sponge
- Bailer
- Water Bottles (at least 3 quart bottles for each person)
- Snacks for river and camp
- Hat or Cap (don't forget to get your Paddle Georgia hats!)
- Extra Length of Rope
- Ear Plugs (Some of our paddlers snore!)
- Laptop & Electronic Communication Devices (optional, of course)
- Water Guns/Cannon (optional and encouraged!)
- At least two paddles for each boat
- Flexible mindset
- Lightweight long sleeved pants or shirts for bug protection in the evening

What shouldn't I Pack?

No Camp Stoves or Fuel Permitted

No Alcohol Permitted

WHAT DO I BRING ON THE WATER EACH DAY?

1. At least two paddles for each boat.
2. PFD—every Paddle Georgia participant must wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times while on the river (no ifs, ands, buts or “gee, it’s really hot!” – this policy is STRICTLY enforced)
3. Every canoe should have two lines, a bow line and a stern line 8-10 feet each in length secured in such a way that they are readily accessible, but cannot come loose accidentally. Loose rope increases the risk of entanglement in the event of capsizing. Kayaks should have grab loops at both bow and stern.
4. An extra throw rope in case of emergencies should be stored safely in each boat.
5. Attach a whistle to your life vest or body to signal for help in case of emergency.
6. A Knife
7. Waterproof matches or other fire source in waterproof covering.
8. First Aid Kit—while boats will be on the river with basic first aid supplies, each vessel should bring a first aid kit stored inside a waterproof bag or container.
9. A repair kit—each vessel should be able to make their own repairs (duct tape, sealant, waterproof tape and other materials are recommended)
10. Rain Gear—Be prepared to get wet and potentially cold. Every participant should have access to a lightweight jacket or cover, rain jacket and rain pants in a waterproof bag or container.
11. Change of Clothes—Be prepared to take an unexpected swim. Every participant should have access to a dry change of clothes kept in a waterproof covering
12. Appropriate footwear that will protect your feet from unseen underwater hazards and permit you to walk comfortably on land when launching and taking out and in the event that you must exit the Paddle Georgia course.
13. Sunscreen—Sunburn might be the trip’s biggest hazard.
14. Water Bottle or Three —At least three quarts per person per day is recommended. Bring sufficient water for the day’s paddle for everyone in your boat. Also consider bringing electrolyte packs or powdered sports drink mix to add to your water to avoid dehydration. Drinking water is not available along the Paddle Georgia route and no drink is provided w/ sack lunches. Many paddlers will fill one bottle with water and another with sports drinks (provided each morning for you to fill your own bottles).
15. Food—There is little access to food along the Paddle Georgia route. Sack lunches are provided to participants for a fee (*See lunch registration information on page 15*). No drink is included with the lunch. You may choose to use this service or bring your own on-river lunches and snacks.
16. Dry Bag or Ziploc—Bring a waterproof bag to protect items you don’t want to get wet, including your lunch.
17. Mosquito Net and/or bug spray.

SECTION II: REGISTRATION DETAILS

CHECK-IN

All participants must check in at Cagle Farms on the afternoon/evening of Friday, June 16 or the morning of Saturday, June 17. Upon check-in, you will receive your event packet that includes items like your Paddle Georgia 2017 T-shirt and your on-river maps and descriptions.

Check-In Times:

June 16: 1 p.m.-8 p.m.

June 17: 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Note: Participants arriving earlier than 1 pm on June 16 WILL NOT be allowed to set up camp or register early.

Directions to Cagle Farms at Conns Creek, 5267 Conns Creek Road, Ball Ground, Georgia

From I-575 near Canton: At Exit 27 (Howell Bridge Road), go east on Howell Bridge Road toward Ball Ground, proceeding 0.3 mile to Ga. 5 (Ball Ground Hwy.). Turn left and travel 1 mile to Ga. 372 (A.W. Roberts Drive). Turn right and proceed 2.4 miles to Conns Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 5.1 miles to entrance to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek on left.

From Ga. 400: At the intersection of Ga. 400 and Ga. 369, go west on Ga. 369 8.3 miles to Old Federal Road. Turn right on Old Federal Road and proceed 3.6 miles to Yellow Creek Road. Turn right and proceed 2 miles to Conns Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 0.5 mile to entrance to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek on right.

Cagle Farm at Conns Creek:

Coordinates: 34.3547387, -84.2822063

Google Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@34.3552209,-84.2833993,516m/data=!3m1!1e3>

BOAT DROP-OFF

Boat drop off is at Etowah River Park on Ga. 9 south of Dawsonville.

Boat Drop-Off Times: June 16 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or June 17 -7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Directions to Boat Drop from I-575 at Canton: From Exit 19/19A (Ga. 20), go east on Ga. 20 toward Cumming traveling 8.5 miles to Ga. 369. Turn left on Ga. 369 and proceed 11.2 miles to Bannister Road. Turn left and proceed 3.4 miles to Ga. 9. Turn left on Ga. 9 and proceed 1.9 miles to entrance to Etowah River Park on left.

Directions to Boat Drop from Ga. 400: From the intersection of Ga. 400 and Dawson Forest Road near Dawsonville, go west on Dawson Forest Road 4 miles to intersection with Ga. 9. Bear to right on Ga. 9 and proceed 0.6 mile to entrance to Etowah River Park on left.

Directions from Boat Drop Off to Cagle Farms at Conns Creek: Return to Ga. 9. Turn right and proceed 1.9 miles to Bannister Road on right. Turn right and proceed 3.4 miles to Ga. 369. Turn right and proceed 3.7 miles to Old Federal Road. Turn right on Old Federal Road and proceed 3.6 miles to Yellow Creek Road. Turn right and proceed 2 miles to Conns Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 0.5 mile to entrance to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek on right.

Directions from Cagle Farms at Conns Creek to Boat Drop Off: Turn left on Conns Creek Road and proceed 0.5 mile to Yellow Creek Road. Turn right and proceed 2 miles to Old Federal Road. Turn left and proceed 3.6 miles to Ga. 369. Turn left and proceed 3.7 miles to Bannister Road. Turn left and proceed 3.4 miles to Ga. 9. Turn left on Ga. 9 and proceed 1.9 miles to entrance to Etowah River Park on left.

Etowah River Park Boat Drop Off:

Coordinates: 34.3581664, -84.113895

Google Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@34.3581685,-84.1138805,17.83z>

OPTIONAL PADDLING WORKSHOP

A basic paddling skills workshop will be held Friday, June 16 at Hollis Lathem Reservoir from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This workshop is free for interested Paddle Georgia participants and is designed for beginning paddlers and novices wishing to brush up on their paddling skills before the big event.

Everyone participating should bring a boat, paddles, personal flotation device for each participant in your party, a whistle or other emergency sounding device, and proper fitting shoes that will not come off in the water. Participants should also bring their own lunches and plenty of water as the workshop will include a “working lunch.”

Participants should begin arriving at the workshop site at 10 a.m. to complete registration and prepare boats. The workshop will begin at 11 a.m. Please be prompt!

To sign up for the workshop, please check the box that was recently added to the online registration form under the “Personal Information/Other Information” section (link included on page 1 of this packet). If you are taking the workshop, realize that you cannot also take the kick off day shuttle from Rome to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek. After the workshop, you will need to drop your boat at the Boat Drop (see directions below)

The Cherokee County Water & Sewerage Authority charges a \$5 parking fee. Please be prepared to pay this fee.

Directions from I-575 at Canton: From Exit 19/19A (Ga. 20), go east on Ga. 20 toward Cumming traveling 8.5 miles to Ga. 369. Turn left on Ga. 369 and proceed 3.8 miles to Yellow Creek Road on left. Turn left and proceed 4.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road. Turn right and proceed 0.7 mile to entrance to reservoir on left.

Directions from Ga. 400: At the intersection of Ga. 400 and Ga. 369, go west on Ga. 369 8.3 miles to Old Federal Road. Turn right on Old Federal Road and proceed 3.6 miles to Yellow Creek Road. Turn right and proceed 1.4 miles to Shiloh Church Road. Turn right and proceed 0.7 mile to entrance to reservoir on left.

Hollis Lathem Reservoir Paddle Workshop:

Coordinates: 34.355392 -84.2557503

Google Map of Hollis Lathem Reservoir:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@34.3562751,-84.255956,601m/data=!3m1!1e3>

After the Workshop you will need to drop your boat at Boat Drop:

Directions from Paddle Workshop to Boat Drop Off: Turn right on Shiloh Church Road/Cowart Road and proceed 0.7 mile to Yellow Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 1.4 miles to Old Federal Road. Turn left and proceed 3.6 miles to Ga. 369. Turn left and proceed 3.7 miles to Bannister Road. Turn left and proceed 3.4 miles to Ga. 9. Turn left on Ga. 9 and proceed 1.9 miles to entrance to Etowah River Park on left.

Directions from Paddle Workshop to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek: Turn right on Shiloh Church Road/Cowart Road and proceed 0.7 mile to Yellow Creek Road. Turn right and proceed 0.6 mile to Conns Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 0.5 mile to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek on right.

Directions from Boat Drop Off to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek: Return to Ga. 9. Turn right and proceed 1.9 miles to Bannister Road on right. Turn right and proceed 3.4 miles to Ga. 369. Turn right and proceed 3.7 miles to Old Federal Road. Turn right on Old Federal Road and proceed 3.6 miles to Yellow Creek Road. Turn right and proceed 2 miles to Conns Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 0.5 mile to entrance to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek on right.

KICKOFF AND JOURNEY'S END SHUTTLE INFO & DETAILS

Paddle Georgia provides two options for getting you to the river and shuttled back to your vehicle—our Kick Off and Journey's End shuttles, available for an additional charge. Please review the information to decide if you wish to utilize one of these shuttles. If you do not choose to utilize one of these shuttles, you are responsible for making your own arrangements for transport of your body and boat.

Cost: \$25 per person / \$20 per boat.

To register: To register for one of these shuttles, visit <http://www.regonline.com/paddlega2017> and fill in the appropriate information.

Please Note: Paddle workshop and teachers participating in the Paddle Georgia Educator Scholarship Program cannot take the Kick Off day shuttle because the times conflict. Also, Shuttles for Paddle Georgia Lite will not be needed. Lite paddlers will be shuttled back to the campsite along with their boats where they will retrieve their cars.

Kick-Off day Shuttle on Friday, June 16

Participants choosing this option will drive themselves, their boats, and their gear to Rome's Heritage Park, our final take out site and park their vehicles in the assigned area. Here, charter buses will pick up participants and boats will be loaded on a tractor trailer. Boats will be transported to our June 17 Launch Site where they will be left overnight under secure conditions. Participants will be transported to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek where they will register, set up camp and meet other participants. On June 23, at the end of the journey, participants choosing this option will have their vehicles waiting for them at the final take out site. **IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE PADDLE WORKSHOP OR THE GEORGIA EDUCATORS PROGRAM, DO NOT USE THIS SHUTTLE. YOU'LL MISS BOTH ACTIVITIES!!!**

The Kick Off Day Shuttle leaves the parking area at Heritage Park at 1:30 p.m. on June 16 and arrives at Cagle Farms at Conns Creek at approximately 3:00 p.m. Participants should be at the Heritage Park parking area no later than 12:30 p.m. to begin loading boats and camp gear. **PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME!!!** You must be pre-registered for the shuttle as space is limited.

****If you take this shuttle, you can save money by dropping your boat at the Etowah River Park launch site and then driving your vehicle to the Heritage Park meeting location. A Paddle Georgia volunteer will be at the launch site by 10:00 a.m. Friday, giving you enough time to drop your boat and still make the shuttle at

Heritage Park in Rome by 12:30 p.m. Your camp gear will fit on the shuttle bus – take your gear with you, do not drop it off at the campsite. (Please see page 10 for directions to boat drop off location)

Directions to Heritage Park in Rome from I-75 Southbound: At Exit 312 (Ga. 53 Rome/Fairmount) go west on Ga. 53 3.5 miles to interchange. Continue straight on Ga. 53 toward Rome, traveling 19 miles to intersection of North Broad (Ga. 53) and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd/Broad Street. Turn right on Broad Street and proceed 0.8 mile to Second Avenue. Turn right on Second Avenue and proceed 0.4 mile to entrance to Heritage Park on left (opposite West 5th Street).

Directions to Heritage Park in Rome from I-75 Northbound: At Exit 290 (Ga. 20 Rome/Canton) go west on Ga. 20 2.4 mile to U.S. 411. Turn right and proceed 0.4 mile to entrance ramp for U.S. 41/Ga. 20 north/west. Turn right and proceed 3 miles to exit ramp on right to U.S. 411/Ga. 20 west. Take exit ramp and proceed 18.7 mile to interchange in Rome. At interchange, bear to right toward Rome on Ga. 20. Ga. 20 becomes Turner McCall Blvd. From interchange proceed 3.5 miles to Second Avenue/Martha Berry Blvd. Turn left and proceed 0.3 mile to entrance to Heritage Park (opposite West 5th Street).

Google Map of Heritage Park:

(34.2555992,-85.1785453)

<https://www.google.com/maps/@34.2555992,-85.1785453,393m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Journey’s End Shuttle on Saturday, June 24

Participants choosing this option will first drive their boat to the Etowah River Park Boat Drop and Launch Site on June 16 or the morning of June 17. They will drop their boats here and then drive their vehicles and gear to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek to register and set up camp. On the morning of June 17, shuttle buses will carry all participants to the Launch Site. All boats must be dropped at the Launch Site between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on June 16 or between 7 and 8:00 a.m. on June 17.

On the morning of June 20, those choosing the Journey’s End Shuttle will drive their vehicles to Etowah River Park in Canton (our launch site for June 20). You will leave your vehicle there until June 24. This must be done because Cagle Farm has an event scheduled for June 24 and we must have all our vehicles removed prior to that date. While a minor inconvenience on the morning of June 20, it does allow you to make your own schedule to arrive at the launch site on the morning of June 20 and results in a shorter shuttle on the morning of June 24.

On the morning of June 24 at 8:30 a.m. (the morning after the last day’s paddle, the journey’s end celebration and camping at Heritage Park), charter buses will pick up participants and boats will be loaded on a tractor trailer. Both boats and participants will then be transported to Etowah River Park at Canton (please note this is a different location than the Etowah River Park that served as our initial launch site on June 17) where participants’ vehicles will be waiting for you to load your boats and gear. If you put a boat on the shuttle, you must either be on the shuttle yourself or have made arrangements to have someone meet the truck and pick up your boat. Once boats and gear are unloaded from the truck at Etowah River Park, they will not be attended.

The Journey’s End Shuttle leaves on June 24 at 8:30 a.m. from Heritage Park and arrives at Etowah River Park in Canton at approximately 9:30 a.m. Participants should be ready to load on the morning of June 24 no later than 7:30 a.m.

MEAL INFORMATION

Paddle Georgia encourages you to take advantage of the Paddle Georgia Meal Plan. However, each evening (with the exception of June 16 and June 23) a shuttle vehicle will run participants to and from nearby amenities

for quick pick up of grocery items and other necessities. You should not expect to have time for a sit-down meal when utilizing the amenities shuttle, as it only runs for approximately 1.5 hours each evening. Please see “Campsite Descriptions” for a listing of nearby amenities for each campsite. Cooking is not permitted at campsites and access to ice is not guaranteed.

In an effort to reduce the amount of waste created on our journey, please bring a **Reusable Plate and Utensils**. Dishwashing stations will be available at each meal so that you can easily clean these items. At check-in, you will receive a Georgia River Network Paddle Georgia commemorative cup. Write your name on it, and use it throughout the week.

Coffee: Paddle Georgia sponsor **Café Campesino** will provide organic, fair trade coffee and tea each morning and evening for a fee. Purchase your coffee by the cup or pay one price for unlimited morning coffee on-site. Coffee bracelets are available for purchase directly from Café Campesino when you arrive or in advance under the “merchandise” section of the online registration.

Lunch: Sack lunches come with your choice of sandwiches along with chips, fresh fruit and dessert. You will pick up your sack lunch AT THE CAMPSITE following breakfast each morning. Make sure you bring a dry bag to keep your lunch safe on the river. If you have not chosen your sandwiches for lunches, please do so at the Paddle Georgia registration website.

To complete your meal registration, please visit the online registration form:

<http://www.regonline.com/paddlega2017>

Menu

June 16 Kick Off Dinner

(provided by Johnny Mitchell’s Smokehouse)

Salad, Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork, Marinated Smoked Tofu, Vegetarian Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, buns, pickles, BBQ sauce. Peach Cobbler.

We invite all Paddle Georgia participants to share their experience with others by inviting family and friends to join us for the Kick Off Dinner at Cagle Farm at Conns Creek. You can purchase additional meals for your guests via your online registration form. Dinner will be served by Johnny Mitchell’s Smokehouse and will be followed by our evening program. A mandatory safety briefing and other special presentations will be included in the evening’s program.

June 17 Breakfast

Menu TBD but will include hot and cold breakfast choices likely including eggs, grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage, veggie sausage, breakfast casserole, hash browns, fresh fruits, assorted cereals, assorted pastries, milk, juice and water.

June 17 Dinner

(provided by Johnny Mitchell’s Smokehouse)

Salad, Herb Baked Chicken, Vegetarian Pintos, Rice & Quinoa, Squash Casserole, Green Beans, rolls and butter. Coca-Cola cake

June 18 Breakfast

Menu TBD but will include hot and cold breakfast choices likely including eggs, grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage, veggie sausage, breakfast casserole, hash browns, fresh fruits, assorted cereals, assorted pastries, milk, juice and water.

June 18 Dinner

(provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse)

Salad, Tuscan pork with wine and mushrooms, vegetarian lasagna, pasta primavera, Italian white beans, garlic rolls, parmesan and pepper flakes, and buttermilk pie.

June 19 Breakfast

Menu TBD but will include hot and cold breakfast choices likely including eggs, grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage, veggie sausage, breakfast casserole, hash browns, fresh fruits, assorted cereals, assorted pastries, milk, juice and water.

June 19 Dinner

(provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse)

Grilled on site all beef burgers and dogs, veggie burgers, turkey burgers, condiment "bar" (lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, pickles, relish, sauerkraut, kimchi, mayo, mustard, ketchup), vegetarian chili, potato salad, coleslaw, and banana pudding

June 20 Breakfast

Menu TBD but will include hot and cold breakfast choices likely including eggs, grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage, veggie sausage, breakfast casserole, hash browns, fresh fruits, assorted cereals, assorted pastries, milk, juice and water.

June 20 Dinner

(provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse)

Salad, pork carnitas, enchilada-style tofu, vegetarian refried beans, Mexican rice, tortilla chips with house made salsas, sour cream, pico de gallo, jalapenos, and caramel custard pie.

June 21 Breakfast

Menu TBD but will include hot and cold breakfast choices likely including eggs, grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage, veggie sausage, breakfast casserole, hash browns, fresh fruits, assorted cereals, assorted pastries, milk, juice and water.

June 21 Dinner

(provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse)

Salad. Low country boil with corn on the cob and new potatoes (shrimp, smoked sausage, andouille sausage and smoked tofu on the side) red beans and rice, maque choux, bread pudding.

June 22 Breakfast

Menu TBD but will include hot and cold breakfast choices likely including eggs, grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage, veggie sausage, breakfast casserole, hash browns, fresh fruits, assorted cereals, assorted pastries, milk, juice and water.

June 22 Dinner

Dinner on your own in downtown Cartersville with street party and canoe tug-o-wars.

June 23 Breakfast

Menu TBD but will include hot and cold breakfast choices likely including eggs, grits, biscuits, bacon, sausage, veggie sausage, breakfast casserole, hash browns, fresh fruits, assorted cereals, assorted pastries, milk, juice and water.

June 23 Journey's End Feast

(provided by Coosa River Basin Initiative)

Catfish filets, hushpuppies, cheese grits, cole slaw and homemade desserts

We invite all Paddle Georgia participants to share their experience with others by inviting family and friends to the Journey's End Dinner at Heritage Park overlooking the Coosa River in downtown Rome. You can purchase additional meals for your guests via your online registration form. The day's activities will include games, great food and music and an awards ceremony.

PADDLE GEORGIA LITE INFORMATION

Paddle Lite paddlers will be participating in only the first two days of our journey (June 17-18). Registration and boat drop off information is the same for both Paddle Lite and Thru-Paddlers.

However, Lite Paddlers may have questions about shuttles and boat handling when they complete their journey on June 18. Here's what will happen:

Upon finishing your journey on Sunday June 18 at East Cherokee Drive, we'll need your help putting your boat on the Georgia River Network boat trailer. That trailer will deliver your boat to a staging area across the river from our take out at East Cherokee Drive.

After assisting volunteers with getting your boat on the trailer, you will then board shuttle buses with your fellow paddlers to be taken back to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek. There you can pack up your camping gear, load your vehicle, drive back to East Cherokee Drive, retrieve and load your boat and be on your way back home.

Driving Directions to East Cherokee Drive from Cagle Farm at Conns Creek: Turn right on Conns Creek Road and travel 5 miles to Ga. 372. Turn right and proceed 1.6 to Cherokee Village Dr. on left. Turn left and proceed 0.5 mile to Northridge Road. Turn left and proceed 1.5 miles to Ga. 5 (Ball Ground Hwy.). Turn left and proceed 1 mile to East Cherokee Drive. Turn left and proceed 0.9 mile to river, cross bridge and immediately turn left into Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority facility.

Coordinates for East Cherokee Drive: 34.298773, -84.3953902

Google Map of Route from Cagle Farm to East Cherokee Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=10pT2DH2a-Vqt5suEOMO-GvAIC1M&usp=sharing>

Special Tours Information & Details

Paddle Georgia will offer several educational tours of local points of interest during the week. Information is provided here so you can plan your itinerary. Registration for the various tours for which pre-registration is required will take place during the week. Any fees associated with these tours are noted in the descriptions.

June 17 8-10 a.m. Georgia Racing Hall of Fame (on river talk): Learn about how the moonshine runners of Dawson County played a role in the development of NASCAR racing from the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame's Gordon Pirkle. Short talks will be given every 30 minutes at our launch site at Etowah River Park between 8-9:30 a.m.

June 17 5-6 p.m. Through the Eyes of the Cherokee (at camp walk): Join native skills expert Mark Warren of Medicine Bow, a primitive school of earthlore based near Dahlonega, as he takes a walk along Conns Creek and shares his knowledge of the forests and fauna the north Georgia mountains. Must pre-register. Walk limited to 15 participants.

June 20 8-10 a.m. Mad About Macroinvertebrates (on river talk): Ever wondered what critters lived under the rocks in our rivers? Here's your chance to get up close and personal with hellgrammites, caddis flies, mayflies and stoneflies. Our Paddle Georgia macroinvertebrate specialists will be on the river catching critters and showing them off.

June 20 1-3 p.m. Donaldson's Furnace (off river tour): Take a 2-mile round trip up Shoal Creek on Lake Allatoona to visit this Civil War era iron furnace and learn about its unique history from the Cherokee County Historical Society. Paddlers should not attempt this off-the-main-channel adventure unless they arrive at the mouth of shoal creek before 2 p.m.

June 20 2-4 p.m. History of Lake Allatoona and Etowah River Valley (on river talk): Historians with the Cherokee County Historical Society will be on hand at Knox Bridge to talk about the history of Lake Allatoona and how the federal reservoir project changed the surrounding communities. Talks begin at 2, 2:30, 3, and 3:30 p.m. Knox Bridge is our staging area for the "Great Lake Allatoona Portage."

June 21 9 a.m.-Noon. Etowah Indian Mounds State Historic Site Tour (on river tour): Stop by the Etowah Indian Mounds to view the river from atop one of this Mississippian era Native American site. The visitors center and museum opens at 9 p.m. with collections of Native American artifacts, educational videos and restrooms. The \$5 per person fee to visit the Indian Mounds will be collected during the loading of buses on the morning of June 21.

June 21 12:30-1:30 p.m. Valley View Antebellum Home Tour (on river tour): Stop by and visit this antebellum plantation home dating to the 1840s. The home was occupied by Union troops during the Civil War who left graffiti that still remains. The home retains much of its original furnishings and is a true historic treasure still owned by the same family who built it more than 160 years ago. The first tour begins at 12:30; the second at 1:30. Reservations are required. Each tour limited to 15 people.

June 21 4-6:00 p.m. Euharlee Covered Bridge Tour (at campsite): Learn about this history of Euharlee and the iconic circa-1886 covered bridge that is the centerpiece of the town. Talks will begin every 30 minutes beginning at 4 p.m. The final program will begin at 5:30 p.m.

June 22 3-9 p.m. Cartersville Street Party & Canoe Tug-O-Wars: Take in downtown Cartersville, its shops, restaurants and museums before joining in a street party and Canoe Tug-O-Wars. Downtown Cartersville is home to the Booth Western Art Museum (open until 8 p.m. \$7-\$10 entry fee), Roselawn Museum, a beautifully restored Victorian home and gardens (open until 5 p.m. \$2-\$7 entry fee) and the Bartow History Museum (open until 5 p.m. \$4.50-\$5.50 entry fee)...not to mention the world's first Coca-Cola outdoor wall advertisement. Many restaurants and shops are within walking distance in the downtown area. Shuttles will leave Euharlee beginning at 3 p.m. Last shuttle will leave downtown Cartersville at 9 p.m.

June 23 3-5 p.m. Historic Rome Clocktower and History Museum Tour: Once you've finished your trip at Heritage Park, hop on shuttles or take a walk from the park to Rome's iconic Clocktower. The former water tank, enclosed in a brick tower topped with a clock, has been converted into a history museum with murals depicting important events in the city's history painted on the inside of the former water tank. Learn about the city's history from a local historian and then take the steps to the top of the Clocktower for panoramic views of downtown Rome. Return through the city's historic downtown and visit the Rome History Museum to learn more about this river town, its steamboats and its devastating floods. An interactive water fountain can be found behind the History Museum and its shooting fountains are great fun for children...and the young at heart.

June 18-19 Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Workshop

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream instructors will offer chemical water quality monitoring workshops during Paddle Georgia. The training begins Sunday night, June 18, with an hour and half orientation followed by on-river training Monday June 19. During the on-river training, instructors will stop at several locations to demonstrate chemical monitoring protocols, collecting and testing water quality samples. By participating in this training, you'll have the opportunity to assist in Paddle Georgia's assessment of the health of the Etowah River and its tributaries the remainder of the week. When you return home, you'll have a greater understanding of rivers and streams, and you'll be certified to conduct routine water quality monitoring on a local waterway.

To sign up for this training, check the appropriate boxes on the online registration form.

Paddle Georgia 2017 Daily Itinerary

Georgia River Network Paddle Georgia Information Desk will be open 7-8:30 a.m. and 4:30-8:30 p.m. daily.

Friday, June 16

Boat Drop:	10:00-6:00	Etowah River Park
Training:	11:00-3:00	Paddle Workshop at Hollis Lathem Reservoir
Kick Off Shuttle:	1:30	Kick Off Shuttle Departs Heritage Park in Rome
Registration:	1:00-8:00	Cagle Farm at Conns Creek
Set-Up Camp:	2:00-7:00	Cagle Farm at Conns Creek
Dinner:	6:30-7:30	Kick-Off Feast provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse
Evening Program:	7:30-9:00	Welcome, Safety Briefing, Recognition of Paddlers and More!
Lights Out	10:00	

Saturday, June 17

No camp move		Cagle Farm at Conns Creek
Registration:	7:00-8:30	Cagle Farm at Conns Creek
Boat Drop:	7:00-8:00	Etowah River Park
Breakfast:	6:30-8:00	
Launch:	7:00-8:30	Buses Leave for Launch Site
Special Program:	8:00-10:00	Georgia Racing Hall of Fame (on river)
Take-Out:	2:00-5:00	Buses Leave from Take Out Site
Special Program:	5:00-6:00	Nature Walk Along Conns Creek with Mark Warren of Medicine Bow
Amenities Shuttles	5:00-6:30	Shuttle Van To Nearby Grocery, Drugstore, Restaurants
Dinner:	6:30-7:30	Provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse
Evening Program:	7:00-8:30	Announcements/ A-thon Awards/ Mark Warren of Medicine Bow, Live Auction
Lights Out	10:00	

Sunday, June 18

No camp move		Cagle Farm at Conns Creek
Breakfast:	6:30-8:00	
Launch:	7:00-8:30	Buses Leave for Launch Site
Take-Out:	2:00-5:00	Buses Leave from East Cherokee Drive Staging Area
		Note: The staging area is on the opposite side of the river from take out. Paddlers will walk across bridge to the opposite side of the river to board shuttle buses
Lite Boat Pick Up	2:00-5:00	East Cherokee Drive Staging Area
Special Program	11:00-1:00	Native American History
Amenities Shuttles	5:00-6:30	Shuttle Van To Nearby Grocery, Drugstore, Restaurants
Dinner:	6:30-7:30	Provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse
Evening Program:	7:00-8:30	Announcements & Coosa River Basin Initiative/Upper Etowah River Alliance
Special Program	7:30-9:00	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Training
Lights Out	10:00	

Monday, June 19

No camp move		Cagle Farm at Conns Creek
Breakfast:	6:30-8:00	
Launch:	7:00-8:30	Buses Leave for Launch Site
Special Program	9:00-5:00	Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Training
Special Program	9:00-5:00	Paddle Georgia Clean Up Day
Take-Out:	1:00-5:00	Buses leave from Etowah River Park (Canton)

Amenities Shuttles	5:00-6:30	Shuttle Van to Nearby Grocery, Drugstore, Restaurants
Evening Programs:	7:30-8:30	Announcements/Mystery Program You Won't Want to Miss!
Lights Out	10:00	
Tuesday, June 20		
Pack Up Camp:	6:00-8:30	Moving to Frankie Harris Park in Euharlee
Breakfast:	6:30-8:00	
Launch:	7:00-8:30	Buses leave for Launch Site
Special Program	8:00-10:00	Mad About Macroinvertebrates (on river)
Take-Out:	1:00-5:00	Buses leave from Knox Bridge
Boat Shuttles	1:00-5:00	Trucks and Trailers Leave from Knox Bridge
Amenities Shuttles	5:00-6:30	Shuttle Van to Nearby Grocery, Drugstore, Restaurants
Dinner:	6:30-7:30	Provided by Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse
Evening Programs	7:00-8:30	Announcements, Water Trails Program, Corn Hole Tournament, Game Shows
Lights Out	10:00	River Trivia
Wednesday, June 21		
No Camp Move		Frankie Harris Park
Breakfast:	6:30-8:00	
Launch:	7:00-8:30	Buses leave for Launch Site
Special Program	9:00-12:00	Etowah Indian Mounds Historic Site (on river)
Special Program	12:30-1:30	Valley View Tours (on river)
Take-Out	2:00-5:00	Buses leave from Euharlee Road
Amenities Shuttles	5:00-6:30	Shuttle Van to Nearby Grocery, Drugstore, Restaurants
Dinner:	6:00-7:30	Dinner on Your Own in Calhoun
Special Program	4:00-6:00	Euharlee Covered Bridge Tour (at campsite)
Evening Program:	6:00-9:00	Paddle Georgia No Talent Show
Lights Out:	10:00	
Thursday, June 22		
No Camp Move		Frankie Harris Park
Breakfast:	6:30-8:00	
Launch:	7:00-8:30	Buses leave for Launch Site
Special Program	8:00-5:00	Legislators & Professionals Day
Take-Out:	2:00-5:00	Buses leave from U.S. 411
Amenities Shuttles	5:00-6:30	Shuttle Van to Nearby Grocery, Drugstore, Restaurants
Evening Program:	3:00-9:00	Street Party & Canoe Tug-O-Wars in Cartersville
Lights Out:	10:00	
Friday, June 23		
Pack Up Camp:	6:00-8:30	Moving to Heritage Park in Rome
Breakfast:	6:30-8:00	
Launch:	7:00-8:30	Buses leave for Launch Site
Take Out:	1:00-5:00	NO SHUTTLES! Campsite at Take Out!
Special Tour:	3:00-5:00	Historic Rome Clocktower & History Museum Tour
Set Up Camp	1:00-7:00	Heritage Park
Trip's End Celebration	1:00-9:00	Games, Food, Music & More Hosted by Coosa River Basin Initiative
Dinner:	6:00-7:00	Journey's End Feast provided by Coosa River Basin Initiative
Evening Program:	7:30-9:00	Awards and more!!
Saturday June 24		
Pack Up Camp:	6:00-8:00	

Breakfast: 6:00-8:00 On Your Own
Journey's End Shuttle: 7:30-8:30 Load Boats and Gear and Depart

Driving Directions to Campsites

Just in case you or your family members need them, here are driving directions to our campsites during the week.

June 16-19: Cagle Farm at Conns Creek 5267 Conns Creek Road, Ball Ground, Georgia

From I-575 near Canton: At Exit 27 (Howell Bridge Road), go east on Howell Bridge Road toward Ball Ground, proceeding 0.3 mile to Ga. 5 (Ball Ground Hwy.). Turn left and travel 1 mile to Ga. 372 (A.W. Roberts Drive). Turn right and proceed 2.4 miles to Conns Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 5.1 miles to entrance to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek on left.

From Ga. 400: At the intersection of Ga. 400 and Ga. 369, go west on Ga. 369 8.3 miles to Old Federal Road. Turn right on Old Federal Road and proceed 3.6 miles to Yellow Creek Road. Turn right and proceed 2 miles to Conns Creek Road. Turn left and proceed 0.5 mile to entrance to Cagle Farm at Conns Creek on right.

Cagle Farm at Conns Creek:

Coordinates: 34.3547387, -84.2822063

Google Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@34.3552209,-84.2833993,516m/data=!3m1!1e3>

June 20-22 Frankie Harris Park in Euharlee

From I-75: From Exit 288 (Main Street/Cartersville) go west on East Main Street 2.6 miles to stoplight at Main Street and Etowah Drive. Turn left on Etowah Drive and proceed 0.2 mile to West Ave. Turn right and proceed 2 miles to Euharlee Road. Turn right on Euharlee Road and proceed 6 miles to Covered Bridge Road on left. Turn left and proceed 0.4 mile to Euharlee 5 Forks Road. Turn right, go one block and turn left into the gravel entrance to Frankie Harris Park.

Frankie Harris Park in Euharlee

Coordinates: 34.1424228, -84.9335352

Google Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/@34.1432668,-84.9343569,751m/data=!3m1!1e3>

June 23 Heritage Park North 2nd Avenue, Rome, GA 30165

Directions to Heritage Park in Rome from I-75 Southbound: At Exit 312 (Ga. 53 Rome/Fairmount) go west on Ga. 53 3.5 miles to interchange. Continue straight on Ga. 53 toward Rome, traveling 19 miles to intersection of North Broad (Ga. 53) and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd/Broad Street. Turn right on Broad Street and proceed 0.8 mile to Second Avenue. Turn right on Second Avenue and proceed 0.4 mile to entrance to Heritage Park on left (opposite West 5th Street).

Directions to Heritage Park in Rome from I-75 Northbound: At Exit 290 (Ga. 20 Rome/Canton) go west on Ga. 20 2.4 mile to U.S. 411. Turn right and proceed 0.4 mile to entrance ramp for U.S. 41/Ga. 20 north/west. Turn right and proceed 3 miles to exit ramp on right to U.S. 411/Ga. 20 west. Take exit ramp and proceed 18.7 mile to interchange in Rome. At interchange, bear to right toward Rome on Ga. 20. Ga. 20 becomes Turner McCall Blvd. From interchange proceed 3.5 miles to Second Avenue/Martha Berry Blvd. Turn left and proceed 0.3 mile to entrance to Heritage Park (opposite West 5th Street).

Google Map of Heritage Park:

Coordinates: 34.2555992, -85.1785453

<https://www.google.com/maps/@34.2555992,-85.1785453,393m/data=!3m1!1e3>

Please consult a road atlas or other reference material to identify the best routes from your location!!!

Campsite Descriptions

Friday, June 16, Cagle Farm at Conns Creek:

This new special events and wedding venue was opened in 2016 by the Cagle family, well known in the area for their dairy and agri-tourism business at another location in Cherokee County that featured a corn maze that in its heyday hosted some 40,000 visitors annually. Their new events venue features two large poll barns that will serve as our dining and program area. Camping will be in rolling pastures around the poll barns and for those willing to walk a bit, along the headwaters of Conns Creek. Limited “indoor camping” will be in a historic chicken barn (chickens vacated it years ago!) Private flush toilets and portable shower/toilet trailers will serve as restrooms. Note: There is limited parking. We’ll direct you to parking spaces. Work with us and be patient!

Nearby amenities: It is 6 miles to a small shopping center with IGA Supermarket, Jasper Drug Store, Fuego Mexican Restaurant, Mary Breadbasket Restaurant, Huddle House, Bank with ATM, and Ace Hardware Store. An amenities shuttle will run to this shopping center June 17, 18, 19 between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Alternative Accommodations: The nearest hotel accommodations are located in Jasper (17 miles) and Canton (16 miles). Accommodations in Jasper include Budget Inn 706-253-2533, Woodbridge Inn 706-253-8500; Microtel Inn 706-299-5500; Clairmont Inn 706-253-3297; Super 8 Motel 706-253-3297. Accommodation in Canton are numerous. Visit: <https://cherokeechamber.com/our-community/visitors/dining-lodging/> for a complete listing of accommodations. Big Canoe Villas, an upscale resort, has the closest overnight accommodations, 706-268-3600.

Taxi Service: There is no taxi service nearby the campsite. Uber may be your best bet.

Evening Program: Friday night we will have our traditional opening night ceremonies with important announcements, our mandatory safety briefing, paddler introductions and, perhaps, a few animal jokes.

Saturday, June 17, Cagle Farm at Conns Creek: See Above

Shuttle Distance to Launch Site at Etowah River Park: 15 miles

Shuttle Distance from Take Out at Old Federal Road (Sunday Launch Site): 6 miles

Evening Program: Mark Warren of Medicine Bow and Live Auction

Sunday, June 18, Cagle Farm at Conns Creek: See Above

Shuttle Distance to Launch Site at Old Federal Road: 6 miles

Shuttle Distance from Take Out Site at East Cherokee Drive: 11 miles

Evening Program: Upper Coosa Riverkeeper Jesse Demonbreun Chapman and Upper Etowah River Alliance Diane Minick will talk about river issues in the upper Coosa River basin.

Monday, June 19, Cagle Farm at Conns Creek: See Above

Shuttle Distance to Launch Site at East Cherokee Drive: 11 miles

Shuttle Distance from Take Out Site at Etowah River Park: 19 miles

Evening Program: Mystery program you don't want to miss!

Tuesday, June 20, Frankie Harris Park: This shady glade of a city park sits in the heart of Euharlee's historic district with the Euharlee Covered Bridge and Euharlee Creek within walking distance. Camping will be in the park's open grassy area and shady open forest. There will be no indoor camping. A covered pavilion and large tent will serve as our dining and program area. Restrooms will include on-site flush toilets, porta-toilets and private portable shower/toilet trailers. A nearby, small community room will provide an air-conditioned respite each afternoon and evening through 10 p.m.

Nearby Amenities: Within walking distance is Covered Bridge Pizza, serving pizza, pasta and subs. It is 7.5 miles to an Ingles Supermarket and Pharmacy. Within 0.2 mile of the Ingles Supermarket, you'll find Waffle House, TCBY Yogurt, Sixes Tavern, Angelo's Pizza and Bistro, Johnny Mitchell's Smokehouse and Ace Hardware Store. An amenities shuttle will run to this shopping center June 20, 21 and 22 between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Alternative Accommodations: There are numerous hotels within 10 miles of the campsite in the Cartersville area. For a complete listing of accommodations visit:

<http://visitcartersvillega.org/connections/cat/stay/hotels/cartersville-hotels/>

Taxi Service: Bartow Cab Co. 770-382-7766

Shuttle Distance from Take Out at Knox Bridge: 26 miles

Evening Program: Water Trails, Game Shows, River Trivia and Corn Hole Tournament

Wednesday, June 21, Frankie Harris Park: See above.

Shuttle Distance to Launch Site at Allatoona Dam: 13 miles

Shuttle Distance from Take Out at Euharlee Road: 1.5 miles

Evening Program: Paddle Georgia No Talent Show

Thursday, June 22, Frankie Harris Park: See above

Shuttle Distance to Launch Site at Euharlee Road: 1.5 miles

Shuttle Distance from Take Out at US 411: 7 miles

Evening Program: Street Party in Cartersville with Canoe Tug-O-Wars

Friday, June 23, Heritage Park in Downtown Rome: Nestled at the confluence of the Oostanaula and Etowah rivers in downtown Rome, Heritage Park features a covered pavilion with flush toilets, gazebo, playground and numerous shaded spots for camping. The Coosa River Basin Initiative will host our River's End Celebration

with food, music, games and more. Downtown Rome with its numerous restaurants, bars, shops and historic sites is within walking distance, including River Dog Outpost Beer Garden across the Oostanaula from the park and overlooking the Etowah River. Special shuttles will carry interested parties to the town's historic clocktower for panoramic views of the town.

Evening Program: Final announcements and awards!

Nearby Amenities: There will be no amenity shuttle run this evening, but multiple restaurants, bars, shops and convenience stores, including a Publix Supermarket (0.3 mile from park), are within a half-mile walk of Heritage Park.

Alternative Accommodations: For a complete listing of hotel accommodations visit the Greater Rome Convention & Visitors Bureau website at: <http://romegeorgia.org/visit-rome/lodging/>

Taxi Service: Rome Taxi 706-368-9797, Taxi Coatan 706-238-2507

SECTION IV: CANOE-A-THON

Paddle Georgia 2017 Canoe-a-thon Pledge Form

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____



Thank you for participating in the Paddle Georgia 2017 Canoe-a-thon. This Pledge Sheet will allow you to solicit donations to Georgia River Network from family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. GRN will use the funds for its programs and to provide grants to Coosa River Basin Initiative and Upper Etowah River Alliance, watershed groups working to protect the river you will be paddling. Simply use Page 2 of the Pledge Form to record the names of donors and the amount they donated. This money should be collected at the time of the solicitation and returned to Georgia River Network in your collection envelope by the morning of June 17. You may also utilize our online fundraising system at: <http://www.firstgiving.com/garivers/paddle-georgia-canoeathon-2017>. This is a great way to solicit hundreds of your friends and the online system tracks all giving, so you can keep track of others competing for our great prizes!

The Canoe-a-thon works just like a walk-a-thon. Ask prospective donors to sponsor your boat at a specific amount for each of the miles you'll be paddling during Paddle Georgia 2017 (106 miles for thru-paddlers). \$1 per mile equals \$106!! The money you raise goes to support Georgia River Network's efforts to engage people in enjoying and protecting their rivers, empower citizens and Georgia's network of 30+ river groups to effectively address issues impacting their waterways, and advocate alongside them for strong protections for our rivers.

More than \$2000 in prizes will be awarded to those participants generating the most money. Prizes will include a new canoe and/or kayak and other outdoor gear provided by The Outside World and other Paddle Georgia sponsors and supporters. Please visit our website: http://www.garivers.org/paddle_georgia/ for updated lists of Canoe-a-thon prizes. Participants generating more than \$850 in Canoe-a-thon pledges may request to have their registration fees reimbursed! Prize winners will be announced during the week of Paddle Georgia. All prizes will be awarded based on total canoe-a-thon donations turned in at the Paddle Georgia registration desk by the morning of June 17—no exceptions. The top 250 fundraisers in the 2017 Canoe-a-thon, raising at least \$300, will be eligible for priority registration in 2018. See the website for details.

Thanks again for participating in the Canoe-a-thon. See you on the Etowah! Please return Canoe-A-Thon donations to: Georgia River Network, 126 S. Milledge Ave. Suite E3, Athens, GA 30605 or return to GRN staff in person at Paddle

Georgia on June 16 or 17. Do not mail cash!

Paddle Georgia 2017 Canoe-a-thon Pledge Form

YOUR DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE and with a \$35 gift you will receive a Year's Membership to Georgia River Network. Thank you for your support!

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Remember, all money must be returned to Georgia River Network via mail or in person at the Paddle

Georgia registration desk by the morning of June 17 to be eligible for prizes. Prize winners will be announced during the week of Paddle Georgia.