Environmental Education & Public Awareness

Exploration/Mapping/Maint. Trails and Open Spaces

Cultural/Historic Site Identification And Preservation

Ecology Documentation & Preservation
Canoe Launch Design

- Preliminary Design and Planning
- Design Criteria
- Design to Site Conditions
- Construction Details
- Long Term Maintenance & Operations
Preliminary Design and Planning

- Site Selection
- River Conditions
- Access
- Ownership
- Environmental
  - Endangered Species
  - Soil/Rock
- Politics
- Construction Planning
- Permitting
Design Criteria

General recommendations for designing an accessible launch

• Height above normal water level: 9" and 12”
• Multiple Launch Levels for rise in water level
• Width: At least 5' wide, preferably 6‘ to 10’
• Length: 12’ minimum; 25’ preferred
• Support: Handrails or other support where necessary
• Location: Wide part of river
• Slope: Steps: 30-37%; Ramps: 9-10%; ADA is 8.33%
• Anchored: Against Lateral and Vertical Forces
Design to Site Conditions

Amicalola Access Site – Dawson Forest
Cartecay River – DNR Cartecay Tract
Long Term Maintenance and Operation

- Local Support Organization for Cleanup and Condition Checking
- Periodic Repairs/Maintenance as needed
- Information Kiosk
- Brochure of Blue Trail