• Approximately 57.5 miles of Blue Trail

• From headwaters to Gulf of Mexico - approx. 800 miles
Cartecay River - Cartecay Tract WMA Canoe Launch (Mile 5)

Coosawattee River - Gilmer County Park Canoe Launch (Mile 13)
2009 Paddle Georgia
- Coosawattee/Oostanaula
- Over 300 paddlers
- Approximately 500 visitors to Gilmer County
- Three nights in downtown Ellijay

Coosawattee Watershed Alliance
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The Process

• Research and network - learn from the successes and mistakes of others

• Determine potential site locations – 4-5 miles apart

• Determine site ownership - county tax assessor’s website or office
The Process

• Establish strategic alliances with other organizations and government officials

• Determine sales pitch
  - Economic development
  - Recreation
  - Erosion and sedimentation control
  - Site rehabilitation
  - Traffic, parking and trespassing control
The Process

- Develop a presentation
  - Site maps
  - Photos of similar projects
  - Sample construction drawings
  - Benefits to community
  - Budget - cost of materials, labor, who provides the funding, labor and materials

- Seek input and critique from allies

- Begin presentation process
Approval Process

1. Coosawattee Watershed Alliance
   - Conserve, Protect, Restore

2. Gilmer County
   - Commission Chairman
   - County Attorney
   - County Planning Office
   - County Economic Development
   - County Commission

3. EPD

4. Ellijay, Georgia

5. Approval
The Process

• Be prepared to do the leg work
• Be patient but persistent
• Celebrate successes
• Give credit and kudos