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## Gilmer County Blue Trails

Beginning as high altitude, small, mountain streams in Gilmer County, Georgia, the Coosawatee River and its tributaries are the headwaters of the Coosa/Alabama/Mobile river system that flows through Alabama to Mobile Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

The Coosawatee Watershed Alliance in cooperation with Gilmer County, Corps of Engineers, Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Mountain Stewards has created a Blue Trail that extends from the headwaters of the Cartecay and Elijah rivers to their confluence as the Coosawatee River, along the Coosawatee River and through Carters Lake.

Canoe launches and waterway-accessible campsites have been revitalized and constructed to encourage recreational use of this important waterway. For Gilmer County, this Blue Trail will provide increased tourism, economic growth and connect us to our environment and heritage by providing access to natural and historic places.



Blue trails are the water equivalent to hiking trails. They are created to facilitate recreation in and along rivers and water bodies. Blue trails come in all shapes and sizes and are used by paddlers, anglers, recreationists, and those just seeking a bit of solitude.

Blue trails provide the opportunity to reconnect with our waterways and to discover their many biological, botanical, geological and historical attributes.



Blue trails not only promote recreational use of our waterways but also encourage respect for their ecological needs as well. The Blue Trail in Gilmer County ensures a natural, clean and pristine watershed.

