

CUMMING LAWSUIT REVEALS STATEWIDE COMPLIANCE PROBLEMS

Last year's heavy rains soaked the ground parched by north Georgia's multi-year drought and filled our rivers and lakes. The storms also sent sediment-laden rainwater into Lake Lanier from problem development sites, including the land where the city of Cumming is building an aquatic center.

While governors, lawyers and judges continue to debate the legality of using Lanier for water supply, construction sites in the lake's watershed are filling the reservoir with dirt every time it rains—reducing the lake's debated storage capacity and spoiling the quality of its water.

Weak and underfunded government agencies are not doing enough to control the pollution; fortunately, Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (UCR) and other water-keepers in Georgia are stepping up to help get the job done.

Flagrant Violations Impact Lanier, Pressure on Agencies

In the fall of 2008, Cumming cleared a 22-acre tract of land less than 400 yards uphill from Lanier, but failed to install many of the required best management practices to control the eroded soil which, until recently, flowed into the lake via Sawnee Creek. The city also destroyed more than 800 feet of an onsite stream, callously ignoring the same environmental laws that it is responsible for enforcing in its role as an "issuing authority." Cumming is delegated to handle such permitting by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

Cumming officials said that they didn't know the stream existed, but the case file suggests otherwise. The stream was in the way of a parking lot for the new competitive aquatic center, and despite warnings from consultants hired with taxpayer dollars, the city destroyed it with bulldozers.

Jason Ulseth, UCR's Technical Programs Director, discovered the violations at the Cumming aquatic center when he drove past the site in March 2009. He later commented that it was one of the worst construction sites that he'd seen in six years of investigating sites for compliance with erosion control laws for UCR and the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission because the violator in the case was an agency responsible for upholding the law.

When the city refused to meet with UCR staff, we filed a notice of intent to sue under the Clean Water Act, followed by a complaint seeking restoration of the stream and other compensation. Andy Thompson, partner with **Smith, Gambrell & Russell**, and UCR's general counsel, Juliet Cohen, handled the filings.

Initially choosing to ignore our legal action, the city negotiated what they knew would be a watered-down enforcement action with EPD and obtained just that. In fact, state and federal agencies received intense political pressure from elected officials and others to limit the extent of their enforcement action against Cumming.

Settlement, Projects Benefit the Community

Settlement negotiations began last fall, but the city's proposed corrective action plan was underwhelming, so we moved ahead with the legal discovery of evidence, which revealed exactly how much the city had known about the stream they ruined and the permitting requirements they ignored. Suddenly, Cumming's attorneys were



UCR's Jason Ulseth (right) reviews erosion and sediment control inspection reports with ECS consultant George Daxon at Cumming's aquatic center site near Lake Lanier.

willing to talk settlement with UCR, and in April, a consent decree was entered with the federal district court.

The terms of this settlement include the following: (1) immediate stabilization of the site; (2) restoration of a 50-foot stream buffer on each side of a 260 linear foot section of the damaged tributary to Sawnee Creek; (3) removal of sediment from the tributary to Sawnee Creek by bucket brigade; (4) use of pervious paving materials for at least 60% of parking lot square footage to allow rainwater to infiltrate into the ground; and (5) permission for UCR to regularly inspect the site.

In addition, UCR secured important supplemental environmental projects. The city will pay: (1) up to \$100,000 to restore a degraded stream in the Cumming City Park along with educational kiosks about the importance of stream buffers; (2) \$40,000 to the Sawnee Mountain Foundation to support environmental education at the Sawnee Nature Preserve for 1,500 elementary students with an emphasis on underserved populations; (3) \$10,000 to the Turner Environmental Law Clinic of Emory University School of Law to represent environmental groups on water quality protection matters in Georgia; and (4) more than \$80,000 in UCR's attorney's fees and other litigation expenses.

Lessons (that should be) Learned

It makes a lot more sense (and is less expensive) to comply with environmental laws before embarking on a project—instead of complying with them after the fact, especially when you are a local government responsible for enforcing clean water laws.

Furthermore, we all need to be vigilant about protecting Lake Lanier and be good stewards of this resource, especially given the current controversy over metro Atlanta's right to use the lake for water supply.

TRI-STATE COALITION MEETS, CALLS FOR INCLUSION IN STATE NEGOTIATIONS

In February, members of the **Tri-State Conservation Coalition** (TSCC), a regional network of non-governmental conservation organizations in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida, gathered in Montgomery, AL, to discuss the implications of the July 2009 federal judicial ruling invalidating Metro Atlanta's access to Lake Lanier for drinking water. Formed in 1999, the TSCC advocates for the protection and restoration of both the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) and Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa (ACT) river basins. The Coalition embraces a broad array of stakeholder interests, including environmental, recreational, fishing and property ownership—now representing more than 750,000 people across the Southeast.



The TSCC Conference brought together diverse groups throughout the Chattahoochee watershed. Natalie Roy of Clean Water Network (left) and Cindy Lowry of Alabama Rivers Alliance.

Commitment to Sustainable Water Management

At the meeting, members were able to gain greater appreciation and understanding of the issues in the ACF-ACT basins from other perspectives, while further solidifying our commitment to the core principles of the TSCC. Five tri-state water management principles unify coalition members: (1) protect healthy instream flows for the natural system; (2) embrace water conservation as the most economical and sustainable source of water supply; (3) minimize the adverse impacts of moving water from one river basin to another (i.e., interbasin transfers); (4) man-

age the system adaptively to account for uncertainty in the face droughts, floods, and climate change; and (5) ensure government transparency and accessibility.

The conference covered both ACF and ACT issues, including an overview of government responses to the federal judicial ruling—as well as status updates on instream flow protection, reservoir proposals, interbasin transfers, and water conservation efforts in all three states. At the end of the conference, participants reaffirmed their commit-

ment to sustainable tri-state water management and sent a letter to Governors Crist, Perdue, and Riley calling for them to embrace the TSCC core principles and to consult with TSCC members prior to reaching a final agreement on ACF allocation.

UCR partnered with Alabama Rivers Alliance, Alabama Water Watch Association, American Rivers, Apalachicola Riverkeeper, Coosa River Basin Initiative, Lake Watch of Lake Martin, Southern Environmental Law Center, Turner Environmental Law Clinic, and Flint Riverkeeper to plan the conference. Thanks to the generous support of the Turner Foundation, C.S. Mott Foundation, and Curtis & Edith Munson Foundation, the conference was well-attended with 28 of the 38 member organizations represented. For more information, contact UCR's water policy director, Laura Hartt, at lhartt@ucriverkeeper.org.

Get Out!

Belton Bridge to Lula Bridge

Spring is a great time to enjoy a beautiful section of the Chattahoochee before it enters Lake Lanier on a run that is perfect for new paddlers. An often overlooked part of the river, the five-mile stretch from Belton Bridge to Lula Bridge is a leisurely paddle loaded with beautiful Mountain Laurels and Rhododendrons, as well as unique rock outcroppings. Bring your camera! Along the way, look for wildlife interpretive signs posted along the river posted by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in the 1980s.

Directions:
Take I-985, which becomes Highway 365 after Gainesville. Both Belton Bridge and Lula Bridge are accessed off Highway 365.





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I've discovered that the best antidote to the exhausting and maddening legislative action, or non-action, under Georgia's Gold Dome is a day on the river.



Photo courtesy of Allan Kendall

To quote the Water Rat from Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind and the Willows*: "There is nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." I couldn't agree more, especially if those boats are easy-to-manage recreational kayaks and the river is the Chattahoochee.

On a beautiful early April morning, I joined 20 paddlers on one of the dozen river trips organized every year for our members by UCR's Tammy Bates and Bonny Putney. Transported by **Wildwood Outfitters** (www.wildwoodoutfitters.com), we put in on Sautee Creek downstream of Helen and floated a short distance to the Chattahoochee where we began a six-mile river cleanup trip that ended at the Highway 255 Bridge.

Soft spring air, jade-green water, and tiny bluets on the riverbank provided strong and much-needed medicine to counter the weariness that sets in during the final weeks of the legislative session—before the adrenalin-charged last day.

Long Legislative Session Focuses on Water

The outcome of the 2010 Georgia General Assembly, in terms of environmental wins and losses, will not be available until after this newsletter has gone to print, so for the final word on how

we did, please check out our website at www.chattahoochee.org/legislature.php.

Three-quarters of the way through the session, we can report the following. Thanks to last summer's federal court ruling that Lake Lanier was never authorized for water supply, Governor Perdue and his floor leaders introduced and passed the **Water Stewardship Act of 2010**. While this legislation is the most comprehensive water conservation bill passed in Georgia, it is a long way from what is needed, now, to tap into the several hundred million gallons of water to be saved in metro Atlanta through efficiency.

Working with the **Georgia Water Coalition**, UCR has promoted legislation to regulate interbasin transfers (IBTs), the process of piping water from one river basin to another, to ensure that all downstream communities receive their fair share of our liquid wealth. Close to 100 legislators signed the bills, yet the chairs of the House and Senate Natural Resource Committees (Rep. Lynn Smith and Sen. Ross Tolleson) never allowed the bills to be heard. It remains to be seen whether or not IBT legislation will pass as part of another bill before the bell rings on Sine Die.

As usual, we also have had to fight a number of anti-environmental bills—our biggest success thus far being the defeat of legislation that would have weakened the ability of citizen groups to successfully appeal pollution permits. Thanks to all of our members and others who have contacted their legislators this session!

Sally Betha
 Executive Director and Riverkeeper



On Patrol

For further details on these and other UCR investigations and actions, go to www.chattahoochee.org/on-patrol

WEAK PERMIT LIMITS FOR SEPTIC WASTE SITE IN WHITE COUNTY

Neighbors to a massive septic waste disposal site in White County have complained for years about health and environmental concerns associated with the facility. Since 2005, when the state began investigating **LHR Farms, Inc.** owned by John Hulsey, the Georgia EPD has issued two consent decrees citing LHR for spraying septage during rain events, accepting wastewater from a dry cleaner, failing to monitor water quality, and exceeding fecal coliform bacteria standards. Earlier this year, EPD drafted a new land application permit, the first of its kind, and held a public hearing. UCR submitted comments urging the state to rewrite the permit based on the facility's history of non-compliance, as well as provisions in the permit allowing an unlimited discharge of pollutants and a sizeable increase in the facility's operations without additional review.

CONTRACTOR CAUGHT DUMPING PAINT IN BUCKHEAD STREAM

In March, UCR received a Hotline call with information that a stream in Atlanta was flowing white. We immediately contacted the city's **Department of Watershed Management** and visited the stream near Tuxedo Park Drive to document the violation. The stream was indeed flowing white and the cause was subsequently determined to be paint dumped by a contractor into a nearby storm drain. City staff responded quickly to further investigate and identify the responsible contractor. The city is taking an enforcement action against the contractor. It is illegal to dump anything into storm drains since they typically wash directly into nearby streams and pollutants can threaten public health and kill fish and other organisms.

LANDOWNER ORDERED TO CLEAN UP URBAN STREAM

Working collaboratively with the **West Atlanta Watershed Alliance**, UCR investigated a property covered with dozens of 55-gallon drums, tires and other waste dumped alongside a tributary of Proctor Creek. The dumping of this material constitutes a violation of the Georgia Solid Waste Act and is a direct threat to the water quality in Proctor Creek and, ultimately, the Chattahoochee River. We reported the violation to EPD, who responded immediately, investigating the site and sending the property owner a notice of violation that ordered the stream be cleaned up. The city of Atlanta is also involved in attempting to get the property owner to clean up this area. We will closely monitor the cleanup to ensure that the site is brought into compliance with environmental regulations.

To report similar waste dumps in your area, contact your local EPD District office. A map of District offices and contact information can be found at www.gaepd.org/Documents/location.

PARTNERSHIP WITH COBB COUNTY YIELDS RESULTS

For the past several years, UCR's Technical Programs Director, Jason Ulseth, has been working with **Cobb County's Community Development Director, Rob Hosack**, to help property owners along an industrial stretch of the river comply with the Metropolitan River Protection Act (MRPA). MRPA requires property owners along this part of the river to leave a protected 50' vegetated buffer along the top of the riverbank to help filter out pollutants from stormwater runoff and also to help keep the riverbank stable.

This particular stretch of river is located on Riverview Road near Mableton and is heavily industrialized. Business operations include an auto salvage yard, pallet builders, trucking companies, a pipe boring operation and many others. Some of these businesses were in violation of MRPA by either operating their businesses within the river buffer or by storing materials along the riverbank.

Tons of Material Removed

Jason and Rob have been routinely visiting these various properties on a bi-weekly basis and have been working with the owners to help them comply with the law. Over the past few years, literally tons of materials have been removed from the riverbank including a diesel fuel tank, a sand silo, dozens of cars, an old Greyhound Bus, tractor trailers and container cars and other debris potentially harmful to the river.

Hosack says: "This project has been a success because of the unique partnership between Cobb County and UCR that involved a very personal and hands on approach by both parties. This approach not only yielded the desired results, but also allowed both parties to establish a trustful relationship with the affected property owners that will prove very useful in future efforts we may pursue. All property owners should be commended for their cooperation."



Cobb County's Rob Hosack and a site foreman discuss the plan to clean up the riverbank on this industrial site.

GREEN PROJECTS, IMPROVED ACCESS AT CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

There's a lot to celebrate at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (CRNRA) these days under the leadership of Superintendent Dan Brown.

From additional river access and high efficiency plumbing fixtures in restrooms to a pervious parking lot and new signage and maps—the 32-year old national park in the heart of metro Atlanta is getting some much-needed improvements and well-deserved attention.

With high fuel costs and fewer dollars to travel long distances, Georgians are staying near home and looking for local recreational areas to enjoy. Since 1978, the CRNRA has provided incomparable recreation for bird watchers, hikers, joggers, paddlers and anglers; however, the park received only minimal funding support for special projects and maintenance until Dan Brown became Superintendent in early 2008 and began to aggressively seek the financial assistance and other support so desperately needed.

Efficient Toilets, Pervious Paving and More

All of the restrooms in the park's 14 buildings now have high efficiency/low flow toilets, including four new facilities at Paces Mill, Interstate North, Columns Drive and Johnson Ferry North. A dirt road and parking area at the



National Park Service staff and volunteers install signage at Island Ford.

Photo courtesy of the National Park Service

Gold Branch Unit near Roswell, which had been eroding, has been replaced with pervious concrete to increase filtration into the ground and reduce maintenance costs.

A new waterproof/tear-proof river guide is now available and new mileage markers, boat ramp and bridge signs have been installed with assistance from UCR and Trout Unlimited volunteers.

Working with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Brown negotiated park improvements as part of bridge and road widening projects to provide new river access which will include: (1) a deep water ramp immediately downstream from the U.S. 41 Bridge; (2) a formal public parking area on the south side of the S.R. 20 Bridge with a connecting river trail; and (3) a public parking area and boat ramp north of McGinnis Ferry Bridge along with picnic tables and a trailhead kiosk. New lands will be acquired to replace the acreage taken from the park for the widened roadways using funding provided by GDOT.

Come out to the river and the national recreation area this summer! To find out more about recreation in the CRNRA, see www.nps.gov/chat; to review the park's new general management plan, see www.nps.gov/chat/parkingmt/planning.htm.

UCR LEADS COKE SCHOLAR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Each year The Coca-Cola Company awards 250 high school seniors from all over the country a scholarship and brings them to Atlanta to spend time at the company's corporate office. The program goal is to help young people who wish to make a positive difference in the world enhance their own futures. Most of the scholars' time in Atlanta is spent being interviewed and mentored by previous winners from all types of businesses.



Kayee Au and Adam Russak show their school spirit while painting their rain barrel.

Community service is always part of the Coke Scholar program, and this year UCR's Bonny Putney provided that portion of the program with a rain barrel painting workshop, assisted by Melinda Langston, Jennifer Carlisle and Yolanda Boazman with the city of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management and Jennifer McLaurin with Fulton County.

Rain Barrel Painting Makes Conservation Fun!

The scholars had two hours at the Atlanta Watershed Water Works Lodge to paint 60 "re-purposed" Coke syrup drums, outfitted with hardware to easily harvest rain. The finished rain barrels sported designs ranging from the Atlanta skyline to large Coke product cans. Participants also toured the Atlanta Water Works and played a water relay game. The event was a huge hit, with everyone agreeing it was their favorite community service project.

Thirty of the drums were displayed at Coke's corporate offices in April in honor of Water Awareness Month. The remaining 30 are being used by the city of Atlanta, Fulton County and UCR for various projects. A few of these special painted rain barrels will be placed in the silent auction during UCR's River Revival on May 13.

BRINGING THE BROOKIE BACK TO GEORGIA

The brook trout ("brookie") is the only native trout found in the southeast. At the southernmost extent of the brookie's range lie genetically distinct Southern Appalachian populations confined to Georgia headwater streams.

Considered an aquatic "canary in a coal mine," brookie presence or absence can indicate the overall health of our watersheds. In other words, abundant brook trout signal good water quality, while declining populations serve as an early warning that the entire ecosystem may be at risk.

Joint Venture Plans to Halt Brookie Decline

Sadly, the Southern Appalachian brookie has been eliminated from 75% of its native range. Ongoing threats to this charismatic salmonid include habitat degradation from changing land use patterns, competition with non-native rainbow trout, and acid rain deposition from fossil fuel emissions. Fortunately, the vast majority of Georgia's brookies are found in streams lying on federally protected public lands.

In 2004, in recognition of the need to address both regional and range-wide threats to the brookie, a group of public and private entities formed the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture. Trout Unlimited's (TU) Georgia Chapter is a local leader of this effort, partnering with Georgia's Department



The brookie!

Photo courtesy of Kevin F. McGrath

of Natural Resources, U.S. Forest Service, and Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper to halt the decline of the brookie and restore fishable populations.

You, too, can help the brookie by joining UCR and TU on July 10 for a workday! We will be in the Chattahoochee River headwaters near Horsetrough Falls, building in-stream structures to improve flows and provide habitat for brook trout. The event is open to any TU or UCR member. Contact josh@joshuatreybarnett.com for details.

River Matters

For more information about these and many other river-related events, visit www.chattahoochee.org/calendar

May 13

14th Annual River Revival
Park Tavern, Atlanta

May 20

Master Naturalist Certification Class
Chattahoochee Nature Center

May 22

School's Out Kids Fishing Event
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

June 12

Back to the Chattahoochee River Race & Festival
Garrard Landing & Riverside Park, Roswell

June 17

Master Naturalist Certification Class
Chattahoochee Nature Center

June 19-25

Paddle Georgia
Broad and Savannah Rivers

June 19

Adopt-A-Stream Workshop: Visual & Chemical Monitoring
DeKalb County

June 22-25

Four-Day Adopt-A-Stream Workshop
Elachee Nature Science Center, Gainesville

July 10

Brook Trout Stream Workday
Chattahoochee River Headwaters

July 15

Master Naturalist Certification Class
Chattahoochee Nature Center

July 17

Adopt-A-Stream Workshop – Biological Monitoring
DeKalb County

July 31

Chattahoochee River Summer Splash
Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS –CHRISTINE HUNG AND HUGO HERNANDEZ!



Christine Hung



Sally Bethea and Hugo Hernandez at UCR's board reception.

We are excited to announce that **Christine Hung**, Tax Director for Turner Enterprises, Inc., and **Hugo Hernandez**, founder and president of El Club de Comerciantes, are the newest members of UCR's Board of Directors. Christine has been associated with UCR for almost 10 years, offering pro bono tax help as well as assisting with annual benefits. Originally from Huntsville, AL, Christine has been in Atlanta since 1995. Hugo was born and raised in Mexico and currently resides with his family in Norcross. His company, El Club de Comerciantes, is a marketing and advertising firm that works with a community of entrepreneurs in the US Hispanic market and in Latin America. We are pleased that such talented and experienced executives have joined the UCR team and are confident that our strengthened board will continue providing exceptional leadership and guidance into the future.

BACK TO THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER RACE AND FESTIVAL!

Fun for the entire family on Saturday, June 12th

Paddlers of all ages and skill levels will take to the water on Saturday, June 12, for the **8th Annual Back to the Chattahoochee River Race and Festival**. The race course begins at Garrard Landing on Holcomb Bridge Road and ends at Riverside Park in Roswell—the venue for the FREE festival with live music, kids' activities, environmental exhibits, farmers market and more.



Paddlers get ready to race.

Photo courtesy of Kent Ruby

Organized and presented by UCR in partnership with the **National Park Service, Fulton County**, and the **city of Roswell**, the event is designed to celebrate the Chattahoochee and foster a sense of community around the river that serves 3.5 million Georgians.

Best Costume, Boat Decoration and Team Challenge

The race begins at 9am and includes open/recreational categories, age divisions, solo / tandem canoe, as well as kayak / sea kayak divisions. The race also includes an award for Best Costume and Best Boat Decoration as well as a Team Challenge – invite your friends or coworkers and enter the race as a group. Paddlers wanting a competitive race will traverse the ten-mile course, while recreational paddlers will take the eight-mile course.

Registration is required to participate. Advance registration closes June 6th; on-site registration will be available the morning of the race as space allows.

Not Interested in Racing? Don't Miss the Festival!

Racers, recreational paddlers, spectators, and families are invited to join us after the race to enjoy the sights and sounds of the festival at Riverside Park. **This FREE family-friendly event is open to the public from 10am to 2pm.**

Visit www.chattahoochee.org for more information and to register for the race.

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SAVE THE HOOCH CAMPAIGN GETS UNDERWAY

In 2006, Atlanta's own **SweetWater Brewing Company** initiated the Save the Hooch campaign to protect the most important ingredient in the beer it brews—water from the Chattahoochee River. Since then this annual campaign has raised more than \$150,000 to support UCR's river patrol and water quality monitoring programs, and we need your help in 2010 to keep the momentum going!



The campaign runs from **Memorial Day through the July 4th** and engages beer drinkers, bar patrons and restaurants throughout metro Atlanta in efforts to raise awareness about the need to protect the river as well as much-needed cash to keep our river patrol afloat. You can help by patronizing participating establishments and buying paper fish (\$1 and \$5) or even a custom-made Save the Hooch t-shirt.



Photo courtesy of Shame Durrance

SweetWater's Big Kahuna, Freddy Bensch, serves up some fine brew at last year's Save the Hooch check presentation celebration.

This year's participants include **Taco Mac** (last year's biggest fundraiser for the campaign!), **Marietta Pizza, Williamson Brothers Barbeque, United Distributors, Woodfire Grill, Mellow Mushroom, Zucca, and Six Feet Under**. For a complete list of establishments involved in this effort and to find other ways to help, go to www.savethehooch.com.

The success of the Save the Hooch campaign has inspired SweetWater to partner with other riverkeepers as well, and now they are using their creative marketing tactics to support the work of the **Black Warrior, Savannah, Neuse, and French Broad Riverkeepers!**

UCR will be celebrating the kick-off of the Save the Hooch Campaign at our 14th Annual River Revival on May 13 at Park Tavern. For more information on River Revival, go to www.chattahoochee.org/river-revival.php.

GET ON THE RIVER IN 2010 WITH UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER!

RIVER DISCOVERY SERIES



Hosted by Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper and the National Park Service (www.nps.gov/chat), the *River Discovery Series* is intended for beginners and advanced paddlers alike as a fun and educational way to get to know the river within the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area.

- SEGMENT 1 | JUNE 26
BUFORD DAM TO SETTLES BRIDGE
- SEGMENT 2 | JULY 10
SETTLES BRIDGE TO ABBOTTS BRIDGE
- SEGMENT 3 | JULY 24
ABBOTTS BRIDGE TO JONES BRIDGE
- SEGMENT 4 | AUGUST 14
JONES BRIDGE TO ISLAND FORD AND THE HISTORIC HEWLETT LODGE
- SEGMENT 5 | AUGUST 28
MORGAN FALLS DAM TO PACES MILL

FOR MORE INFORMATION

AND TO REGISTER,
visit www.chattahoochee.org/paddle-trips.php or call
404.352.9828

MORE PADDLE TRIPS

UCR is pleased to offer a variety of one and two-day trips to explore and experience more of the Chattahoochee River Basin.

- MARCH 27 | FLATWATER PADDLE:
BELTON BRIDGE TO LULA BRIDGE
- MAY 1-2 | PADDLE AND CAMP:
WILDWOOD OUTFITTERS TO BELTON BRIDGE PLUS
CLEANUP SERVICE PROJECT
- JUNE 12 | BACK TO THE CHATTAHOOCHEE
RIVER RACE AND FESTIVAL
- JULY 17 | UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE PADDLE
- OCTOBER 2 | CHESTATEE RIVER
- OCT 23-24 | MCINTOSH RESERVE
CAMPING AND PADDLING

PADDLIN' AND PICKIN'

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE PADDLE TRIPS
This is your opportunity to help protect the river. Volunteer on a paddle cleanup and help us get the trash out!

- APRIL 3 | SAUTEE CREEK TO 255 BRIDGE
(SECTION 1)
- APRIL 10 | MCDONOUGH PLANT (GEORGIA
POWER) TO NICKAJACK CREEK
- MAY 15 | 115 BRIDGE TO WILDWOOD OUTFITTERS
AT DUNCAN BRIDGE
- JUNE 5 | CLEAN THE RACE COURSE
- JULY 18 | 255 BRIDGE TO 115 BRIDGE
(SECTION 2)
- JULY 31 | SOQUE RIVER
- AUGUST 7 | BELTON BRIDGE TO LULA BRIDGE