**CPWC Hiking Club 2020** - 2021

**Exploring Atlanta Trails down the Chattahoochee River**

Second Tuesday of the Month

* **Meet at the Trailhead at 9:30am *\*please see Parking Pass info***
* Estimated driving times are based on departure from ACC)

1) September 8, 2020

**Jones Bridge Park Trail** on the River (est. 30 min drive)

Trailhead: 8615 Barnwell Road, Johns Creek 30022

 4.6 mile moderate hike

 *See riverside forest and whitewater shoals*

2) October 13, 2020

 **Island Ford Trail** on the River(est. 25 min drive)

Trailhead: 1978 Island Ford Parkway, Sandy Springs 30350

 5.5 mile moderate hike

*See wildlife-filled forest, 2 creeks, several large cave-like outcrops and an old wagon ford across the river.*

*This is the Chattahoochee National Park Headquarters and Visitor center*

 October TBD

 **Pink Ribbon Fundraiser Walk** at ACC

 October 19 - 21, 2020

**Len Foote Hike Inn** - 3 Day Hike in Chattahoochee National Forest

*Due to the current pandemic, this is not a CPWC sanctioned event but is open for those interested in an independent trip. See Hike-inn.com for latest Covid-19 restrictions.*

3) November 10, 2020

**Vickery Creek aka ‘Big Creek’ Trail** a Chattahoochee River tributary (est. 16 min drive)

Trailhead: 259 Riverside Rd, Roswell 30075

 4.8 mile moderate hike

 *See creek / river connection, rolling forest, a steep rock bluff and waterfall, civil war mill ruins, a covered bridge.*

4) December 8, 2020

 **Gold Branch Trail** on the River (est. 10 min drive)

Trailhead: 6156 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta 30068

3.2 mile easy hike

*A quiet river walk (visit Bull Sluice lake) See cattails, marsh grasses, heron, geese, and other wildlife.*

(Independent walk suggestions close to home – grab a friend and tell us how you like it!)

 **Johnson Ferry Unit North Trail** on the River

Trailhead at 301 Johnson Ferry Rd Marietta 30068

1.8 mile easy walk

*Follow the 4 loops along the river lined forest and wildflower wetland. Follow Mulberry Creek to a small waterfall and large rock overhang. This is the closest location to rent canoes, tubes and kayaks at the NOC!*

**Johnson Ferry Unit South Trail** on the River (est. 5 min drive)

 Trailhead: 4630 Columns Dr. Marietta 30067

1.9 mile easy walk

 *Walk this peaceful tree lined path close to home. Bring a lunch to enjoy at the park pavilion and grassy clearing.*

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5) January 12, 2021

**Cochran Shoals/Sope Creek Trail loop** - starts on the Chattahoochee River (est. 5 min drive)

Trailhead: 152 Columns Dr. Marietta 30067

6 mile: easy, moderately difficult hike

*Starts with level walk with stunning views of river shoals, grassy marshes, then rugged forest hiking increasing to 150 ft elevation. See a small secluded cemetery, Sibley pond and head back to Cochran Shoals.*

6) February 9, 2021

**Sope Creek Trail** a Chattahoochee River tributary (est. 5 min drive)

 Trailhead: ¼ mi west of Sope Creek on Papermill Rd.  30067

3.2 mile moderate hike

*See Sibley pond, stacked-stone paper mill ruins from the civil war era, walk down to rocky creek and sand bars then hike up to view the ‘ridge’.*

7) March 9, 2021 (This hike may change! – stay tuned)

 **Powers Island Trail** on the River (est. 15 min drive)

Trailhead at 5450 Interstate N Pkwy, Sandy Springs 30328

 1.6 mile easy to moderate hike

*Enjoy this quiet, beautiful riverside forest, island, an inlet, banks of the shoals.*

*A Great place to rent canoes, tubes, kayaks at the NOC in the summer! A start here floats to West Palisades.*

8) April 13, 2021

 **East Palisades Trail** on the River(est. 20 min drive)

 Trailhead: 1425 Indian Trail NW, Sandy Springs 30327

4 mile moderate hike

*See class 1 & 2 whitewater rapids, towering bluffs, a stacked-stone ruin, a wooden bridge, bamboo forest, and breathtaking overlooks. An Atlanta hiker favorite!*

9) May 11, 2021

 **West Palisades Trail** on the River(est. 20 min drive)

Trailhead: 3700 Akers Drive SE, Sandy Springs 30339

 4.0 mile easy to moderate

 Wrap up the year with these w*ide river views, rocky bluffs, sandy shores, and blooming forest*

 **Party afterward: *Chattahoochee Coffee House*** *6640 Akers Mill Road SE, Sandy Springs 30339*

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**Q: Where does the Chattahoochee River start and end?**

**A:** It has humble beginnings at a small spring just off the Appalachian trail near Helen Georgia and flows southwest to join the Flint River. These become the Apalachicola River which empties into the Gulf of Mexico!!

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***\* Parking Pass info:***

*Log onto: Recreation.gov , Select: Georgia , Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area*

*Select: Annual Pass: $40 which is the best deal (or a Day Pass: $5)*

*You will enter your vehicle type and license plate number which will be used by Park Ranger at the trailhead to confirm the pass. No hard copy is required but you can print off a copy for reference if you like. Pass cards are no longer sent in the mail.*

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