

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
5 points: 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
6 points: 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 (cancelled)

Pink Ribbon Fundraiser Walk at ACC

October 19 - 21, 2020 (cancelled – to hopefully resume Oct 2021)

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

- 3) November 10, 2020
Vickery Creek aka 'Big Creek' Trail a Chattahoochee River tributary (est. 16 min drive)
Trailhead: 259 Riverside Rd, Roswell 30075
5 points: moderate hike
See creek / river connection, a steep rock bluff and waterfall, civil war mill ruins, a covered bridge.
- Independent Walk idea:*
Roswell River Boardwalk on the River
Trailhead at 9100 Willeo Rd Roswell 30075
Easy walk: Paved path, long range views of Chattahoochee River & wetlands, various parks, crew (rowing) & tubing launch points.
- 4) December 8, 2020
Gold Branch Trail on the River (est. 10 min drive)
Trailhead: 6156 Lower Roswell Rd, Marietta 30068
4 points: moderate hike
A quiet river walk (visit Bull Sluice lake) See cattails, marsh grasses, heron, geese, and other wildlife.

+ *Bonus question "What is structure across Bull Sluice Lake?" for 3 points*

Independent Hike:

Johnson Ferry Unit North Trail to Hyde Farm - on the River

Trailhead at 301 Johnson Ferry Rd Marietta 30068

6 points: moderate hike...not to miss!

Follow a short distance along the river and continue along Mulberry Creek for a spectacular experience: small waterfalls, large rock overhangs and numerous creek crossings.

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- 5) January 12, 2021
Cochran Shoals / Interstate North Trail loop - on the Chattahoochee River (est. 5 min drive)
Trailhead: 152 Columns Dr. Marietta 30067
6 points: easy to moderately difficult hike
A rugged forest hike increasing to 150 ft elevation. See a small secluded cemetery, then traverse west to granite plate views of Terrell Mill creek. A lovely elevation view of Gunby creek flowing into marchland. We'll traverse a huge tree trunk bridge and finally enjoy the flat walk along the Cochran Shoals of the Chattahoochee river.

+ Bonus question "Who established the Chattahoochee Park System in 1978?" for 3 points
- 6) February 9, 2021
Sope Creek Trail a Chattahoochee River tributary (est. 5 min drive)
Trailhead: ¼ mi west of Sope Creek on Paper Mill Rd. 30067
5 points: moderate hike
See Sibley pond, hike forest to the same secluded cemetery from last month! Then follow the elevated ridge high above Sope Creek and wind your way down to sandy shoals and then to stacked-stone Paper Mill ruins from the civil war era!
- 7) March 9, 2021
Powers Island Trail on the River (est. 15 min drive)
Trailhead at 5450 Interstate N Pkwy, Sandy Springs 30328
4 points: 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.

+ Bonus Question "Where exactly does the Chattahoochee River start and end?" for 3 points
- 8) April 13, 2021
East Palisades Trail on the River (est. 20 min drive)
Trailhead: 1425 Indian Trail NW, Sandy Springs 30327
5 points: 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 wide river views, rocky bluffs, sandy shores, and blooming forest
Awards Party afterward!

*** Parking Pass info:**

Log onto: [Recreation.gov](https://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.

We look forward to seeing you for a year of CPWC adventure! 😊 Trish Wenger and Jean Dole