

# Recommended Wilderness Additions

## On the Chattahoochee National Forest



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Southern Region

The U.S. Forest Service has recommended eleven areas within the Chattahoochee National Forest to be added to the wilderness preservation system. These eleven areas (totaling 8,448 acres) are all additions to existing wilderness in North Georgia. The recommended wilderness additions have been made through the forest planning process and have had public scrutiny and acceptance.

The recommended wilderness additions have a low degree of development and a high degree of public support and have scenery characteristics representative of the existing adjacent wilderness areas. The recommended additions to the Wilderness Preservation System are:

Recommended Wilderness Addition	Acres	Adjacent Wilderness
Ben Gap (Towns Co.)	1,294	Southern Nantahala
Shoal Branch (Towns Co.)	412	Southern Nantahala
Tate Branch (Towns/Rabun)	1,085	Southern Nantahala
Cedar Mountain (Lumpkin)	561	Blood Mountain
Duck Branch (Union/Lumpkin/Fannin)	190	Brasstown
Wilson Cove (Towns)	563	Brasstown
Ellicott Rock Addition (Rabun)	562	Ellicott Rock
Foster Branch (Fannin)	165	Cohutta
Ken Mountain (Lumpkin/Fannin)	527	Cohutta
Helton Creek (Union)	2,451	Raven Cliffs
Tripp Branch (Towns)	638	Tray Mountain
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,448</b>	

\*11 areas (8,448 acres) recommended as wilderness additions in North Georgia.

\*Currently no sponsors for this legislation.

\*No new stand-alone wilderness areas in this proposal.

\*Extensive public involvement done on this proposal.

\*10 wilderness areas (117,837 acres) on the Chattahoochee National Forest.

**For additional information on this proposal, please call Karen McKenzie at (770) 297-3061.**

# Wild and Scenic River Proposals On the Chattahoochee and Oconee National Forests



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The Forest Service has recommended three rivers within the Chattahoochee National Forest and two rivers within the Oconee National Forest to be nominated to the National Wild and Scenic River System. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, passed in October 2, 1968, is designed to protect rivers with outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreation, and other values.

These five streams represent about 59 miles in total length and cover an estimated corridor acreage of 7,300 acres. Of these rivers, four are new streams to be added to the wild and scenic river system and one would add three miles to the existing Chattooga Wild and Scenic River in North Georgia. These rivers were identified as potential Wild and Scenic Rivers during the forest land management planning process and have had full public scrutiny and acceptance. The Forest Service will make this recommendation to Congress for potential development of a Wild and Scenic Rivers bill for Georgia.

The suggested streams are:

Ocmulgee River	Oconee National Forest	11 miles	2141 acres	Butts, Jasper, Jones, Monroe Counties
Little River	Oconee National Forest	9.7 miles	2096 acres	Putnam County
Overflow Creek	Chattahoochee National Forest	3 miles	318 acres	Rabun County
Chattahoochee River	Chattahoochee National Forest	8 miles	1573 acres	White County
Conasauga/Jacks Rivers	Chattahoochee National Forest	13/14 miles	1096/80 acres	Fannin and Murray Counties

\*3 rivers on the Chattahoochee National Forest recommended for Wild and Scenic River status.

\*2 rivers on the Oconee National Forest recommended for Wild and Scenic River status.

\*Recommended additions total 59 miles in length.



**Proposed wild and scenic river on the Chattahoochee National Forest.**

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