

Outings and Events Stories

Member Memories of Past Hikes and Events

Memories are made in the National Forests: we learn, we experience beauty, we find joy with friends. This is the experience of one such event.

The Upper Chattooga "3fer"



King Creek Falls. Steve James (left), and hike leader Brooks Franklin looked to falls for inspiration.

Photo by Joe Gatins

The hikers shown here were part of the approximately 30 members who took part in the "Upper Chattooga Three-Fer," which over the past three weekends entailed covering by foot most of the 21 miles of wild and scenic headwaters being considered for possible boating by the U.S. Forest Service.

The agency is coming up with a new decision on whether to permit such boating, which has been prohibited for almost 35 years.

The hikes turned into a series of "teaching moments," not only about the boating issue, but also to enjoy the stunning values of this wild riparian area, its spectacular geologic formations and the many native plants starting to bloom over the past three weeks.



Rock Gorge area. A series of wild cascades can be found along the Upper Chattooga in the Rock Gorge area.

Photo by Joe Gatins



ForestWatchers (from left), Brenda Smith, Ben Cash, Tricia Piper and Joe Gatins checked an ironwood tree along the Bad Creek Trail leading to the Upper Chattooga river.

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