

The Chattooga is where Wildwater first opened our doors in 1971 and remains Wildwater's premier rafting trip in the Southeast. Our highly trained guides, self-bailing raft fleet and spectacular river scenery will make your Chattooga River trip one to remember!

The National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River begins at the base of Whitesides Mountain in North Carolina and flows in a southwesterly direction to form the border between South Carolina and Georgia. One of the wildest and most beautiful whitewater rivers in the country, the Chattooga was the first river in the Southeast to be designated "Wild and Scenic" in 1974 by Congress. The Chattooga was used as a location for the movie Deliverance. The Sumter and Chattahoochee National Forests surround you while on your wilderness river adventure.

Our park-like Chattooga Campus is incomparable; with canopy tours, low & high ropes, pond, picnic pavilions and multiple lodging options on site. Stay right here and be steps away from multiple activities. We can book your family adventure for lodging and rafting, zipline canopy tours, kayak touring, whitewater kayak clinics and overnight camping. On campus you will find food at The Well House, volleyball, horseshoes and Corn Hole all with a friendly atmosphere!

As a free flowing river, water levels on the Chattooga vary with the amount of rainfall each season. The highest water levels and most exciting trips are usually in the spring and early summer or after a heavy rain. By late summer and fall the water level is usually lower and trips are more relaxed and slower paced.

Chattooga Mini

Ever wanted to give whitewater rafting a try? Enjoy a 4-5 hour sample of the Chattooga. An ideal family vacation activity for first-time rafters, kids and seniors. Riverside snack, Guide in each raft (minimum age 8)

Chattooga Section III

Used as the location for the film Deliverance, the Chattooga's spectacular scenery and exciting whitewater make this Wildwater's most popular trip. Section III is ideally suited for beginner to intermediate rafters. Full riverside lunch, Guide in each raft (minimum age 8)

Chattooga Section IV

Sheer cliffs rise and waterfalls drop to the river's edge as you weave your way through house-sized boulders and challenging whitewater. Section IV is suggested for those with a sense of adventure and who are in good physical condition. Full riverside lunch, Guide in each raft (minimum age 12)

Chattooga Overnighter, Sleep Under the Stars

This is a trip not to be forgotten. For two full days and one extraordinary evening, you can enjoy wilderness rafting on Section III and Section IV, two lunches, breakfast, a grilled steak dinner and an overnight campout. Bring your own sleeping bag and a change of clothes; they will meet you at camp. Guide in each raft (minimum age 12)

Chattooga Ridge Canopy Tours

Soar through the trees, glide from one tree perch to another like a hawk, "fly" over 20 wooded acres, naturally fueled by a gradual elevation change, landing in trees and on elevated platforms. Safety orientation and practice zips start every tour. 12 ziplines and 4 sky bridges comprise the Tour. Including 6 flights over our lake taking in the view of the fish and turtles that call Academy Lake home.

Lake Tugaloo Touring Kayak Trip

For a more relaxing trip, try a leisurely touring kayak trip on scenic Lake Tugaloo. Join our professional guide and naturalist to experience this beautiful lake formed by the National Wild & Scenic Chattooga River and the Tallulah River Gorge. (minimum age 5)

Kayak Clinic

Join our instructors for individualized attention designed to get you out on the water safely. Whether you are an absolute beginner or just looking to refine your skills, we can get you headed in the right direction. Fully Guided. (minimum age 12)

Chattooga Ropes Challenge

Our state-of-the-art, 40 ft. climbing tower with two auto-belay devices is the cornerstone of our High Ropes Challenge. Eight high ropes elements ranging in difficulty will challenge you and your group. Our low ropes elements provide an ideal set of group initiatives for your party. (Minimum age 8 and up; age 6 & up for Climbing Wall)

Chattooga Shuttles

Wildwater provides shuttle services on the Chattooga River if you have the equipment and abilities to paddle the river on your own.

Chattooga Lodging

Onsite Cabins, Cottages and Group Yurts provide multiple opportunities for convenient lodging in the heart of Chattooga Country. Why stay in a hotel and eat in restaurants when you can have the convenience and fun of staying close to the river and grilling out?

Directions to Wildwater Chattooga

1251 Academy Road

Long Creek, SC 29658

Reservations: 800-451-9972

Local Phone: 864-647-9587

GPS Coordinates: 34 47' 36 N, 083 14' 47 W

Wildwater Chattooga is housed on the grounds of the Historic Long Creek Academy, 1.2 miles North of US Highway 76 in the community of Long Creek, SC. 12.5 miles West of Clayton, GA and 14 miles East of Westminster, SC.

***Map Quest and many car GPS systems do not give the correct directions to rural locations. Please have a copy of our directions or a map as a backup.

How to Dress for Whitewater Rafting

Cooler Weather

- Complimentary wetsuits on Chattooga trips in March, April, October and November
- Wetsuit bootie rentals available
- Complimentary spray jackets
- Wool or synthetic (polypropylene) garments will help keep you warm when wet
- Cotton will leave you wet, cold and clammy. **DO NOT WEAR COTTON**
- A good wool cap can help significantly, 40% of heat loss is through the head
- Wool socks are also recommended if you don't have neoprene booties
- You will need a strap, Chums or string if you wear prescription or sunglasses
- Be certain to bring a change of clothes and a towel. (We have showers)

Warm Weather

- Bathing suits or shorts
- T-Shirt, 50/50 better than 100% cotton
- Tennis shoes or sport sandals (no flip-flops)
- Sunscreen - The water reflects and enhances the chance of sunburn
- You will need a strap, Chums or string if you wear prescription or sunglasses
- Be certain to bring a change of clothes and a towel. (We have showers)

Our river store has Chums, sunscreen, t-shirts, sport sandals and other necessary items should you forget them.

The Risk and Responsibilities of Rafting & Canopy Tours

While Wildwater Ltd., Nantahala Gorge Canopy Tours & the managing agencies set a minimum age and/or weight for trips, you must also evaluate your own fitness level. Participating in outdoor activities involves inherent risks, and can be physically demanding. If you are seriously overweight or have special medical conditions, you should consult your physician before participating. You cannot go if you are pregnant. All Guests go at their own risk and are required to sign a waiver of liability.

Alcohol

Wildwater reserves the right to refuse to accommodate anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs (which may impair abilities on the activity). We will not hesitate to remove them from the activity without refund.

Liability

Wildwater provides high quality equipment and staff is professionally trained for your well being. However, each person must evaluate their own abilities, readiness and is responsible for their own liability, you will be required to sign a waiver prior to the start.

Reservations Policy

Call 800-451-9972 or go Online to check on availability and trip times. If the day and time of your trip is important, make your reservation immediately as dates do fill up. For groups of 9 or less, telephone reservations made more than two weeks away will be held for seven (7) days pending receipt of full payment. For groups of 10 or more, telephone reservations made more than 30 days away will be held for (7) days pending receipt of a deposit payment equal to \$20 per person, with the balance due 30 days prior to trip date.

Cancellations and Date Transfers

Please make sure everyone in your group knows canceling or rescheduling can result in penalties. If we have to cancel a trip for safety reasons a full refund will be given.

Cancellation Guarantee

Wildwater introduces an exclusive service to our Guests. Freedom to change your mind and no pressure if you have to cancel or reschedule.

- Full Refund except for Guarantee Fee for any reservation cancelled by 1pm the day before their Activity or Lodging.
- Full Credit in the form of a Voucher or Wildwater Adventure Dollars for any Activity or Lodging cancelled the same day scheduled. Prior to Activity Start time.
- A 7.5% Fee will be charged on the reservation. This is non-refundable.
- Freedom to reschedule is unlimited as long as it is done before activity starting time for any reason including weather.

Standard Cancellation

Industry Standard policy for a contracted service between a customer and provider. Just like buying a seat on an airplane, Guests purchase an opportunity to ride at a specific time and place.

- Full Refund except for one \$10 reservation fee for any reservation cancelled 14 days in advance.
- \$20 per person cancellation fee for any activity cancelled between 14 and 7 days before the activity.
- No refund for any reservation cancelled less than seven days before their activity date.
- Rescheduling will be treated as a cancellation.
- No refunds for inclement weather, unless Wildwater cancels the activity.

Anyone wishing to request special treatment or changes to any policy may complete an “Exception Form” to be submitted to the CEO for a decision. There must be extenuating circumstances; car trouble, death in the family, documented illness, etc. Notification to Wildwater must have been made shortly after incident, not at check-in. Supporting documentation is required.