

TOCCOA RIVER CANOE TRAIL

This canoe trail utilizes the Toccoa River from the launch at Deep Hole Recreation Area flowing west and north to its end at the Sandy Bottom Canoe Take Out. Enjoy viewings of forested public lands, pastoral private lands, laurel and rhododendron thickets, and their associated wildlife, coupled with great fishing and some rapids make this a perfect canoe trip. This canoe trail is ideal for beginners and those who enjoy a less than vigorous float in a north Georgia mountain river.

Length: 13.8 miles **Use:** Moderate

Rating: Easy **River Flow:** 3-4 mph.

Trailhead Location: The launch is at Deep Hole Recreation Area, a USFS campground located in the east/southeast portion of the district just off a paved highway, GA Hwy. 60 south of Blue Ridge, GA and north of Suches, GA. Launch and parking costs \$3 per vehicle.

Use Restrictions: None other than generally accepted social behavior.

CAUTION: FISHING, CAMPING AND ENTERING ONTO PRIVATE LAND IS ILLEGAL WITHOUT LANDOWNER PERMISSION, AS IS FISHING FROM THE RIVER IN A BOAT, TUBE, OR ANY OTHER FLOATING DEVICE WHERE BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER ARE PRIVATELY OWNED.

Suggested take out points are on U.S. Forest Service public lands. Camp in designated sites only at the Sandy Bottom Canoe Take Out.

Recommended Season: Anytime of the year. May – June are peak laurel/rhododendron bloom with usually good water flow.

Open year round.

Access:

Deep Hole Recreation Area- From McDonald's restaurant at the intersection of Georgia Hwy. 515 and Georgia Hwy. 5 north in Blue Ridge, GA, follow Georgia Hwy. 515 east approximately 4.5 miles to traffic light and junction with GA Hwy. 60 (Lakewood Junction). Turn right on GA Hwy. 60 and go 0.5 miles to old U.S. 76. Turn left on GA Hwy. 60. Go 1.5 miles to Morganton. Turn right on GA Hwy. 60, continue on GA Hwy. 60 14.7 miles to Deep Hole Recreation Area entrance on the right (dirt/gravel all weather road).

Sandy Bottom Canoe Take Out-

From McDonald's restaurant at the intersection on Georgia Hwy. 515 and Georgia Hwy. 5 north in Blue Ridge, GA, follow Georgia Hwy. 515 east approx. 0.8 miles to Windy Ridge Rd. Turn right at Windy Ridge Rd., go 0.2 miles to dead end with Old U.S. 76. Turn left, go 0.2 miles to Aska Road on right. Turn right, go south 8.5 miles on Aska Rd. Turn left, go across

Shallowford Bridge, and turn right on Shallowford Bridge Rd. Go 1.3 miles to Old Dial Rd. Turn right on Old Dial Rd., go 0.6 miles to the Sandy Bottom Canoe Take Out on the right.

Travel Time: About one hour from the city of Blue Ridge to Deep Hole Recreation Area.

Road Conditions: Paved and/or gravel all weather roads suitable for sedans.

Trail Layout: This canoe trail begins on north bank of the river and flows gently west and north in a meandering manner. The final take out is at the Sandy Bottom Canoe Take Out.

Additional Information

The nearest hospital is located north of Blue Ridge on Georgia Hwy. 5. The emergency telephone number is 911.
You must provide your own canoe.

For more information:
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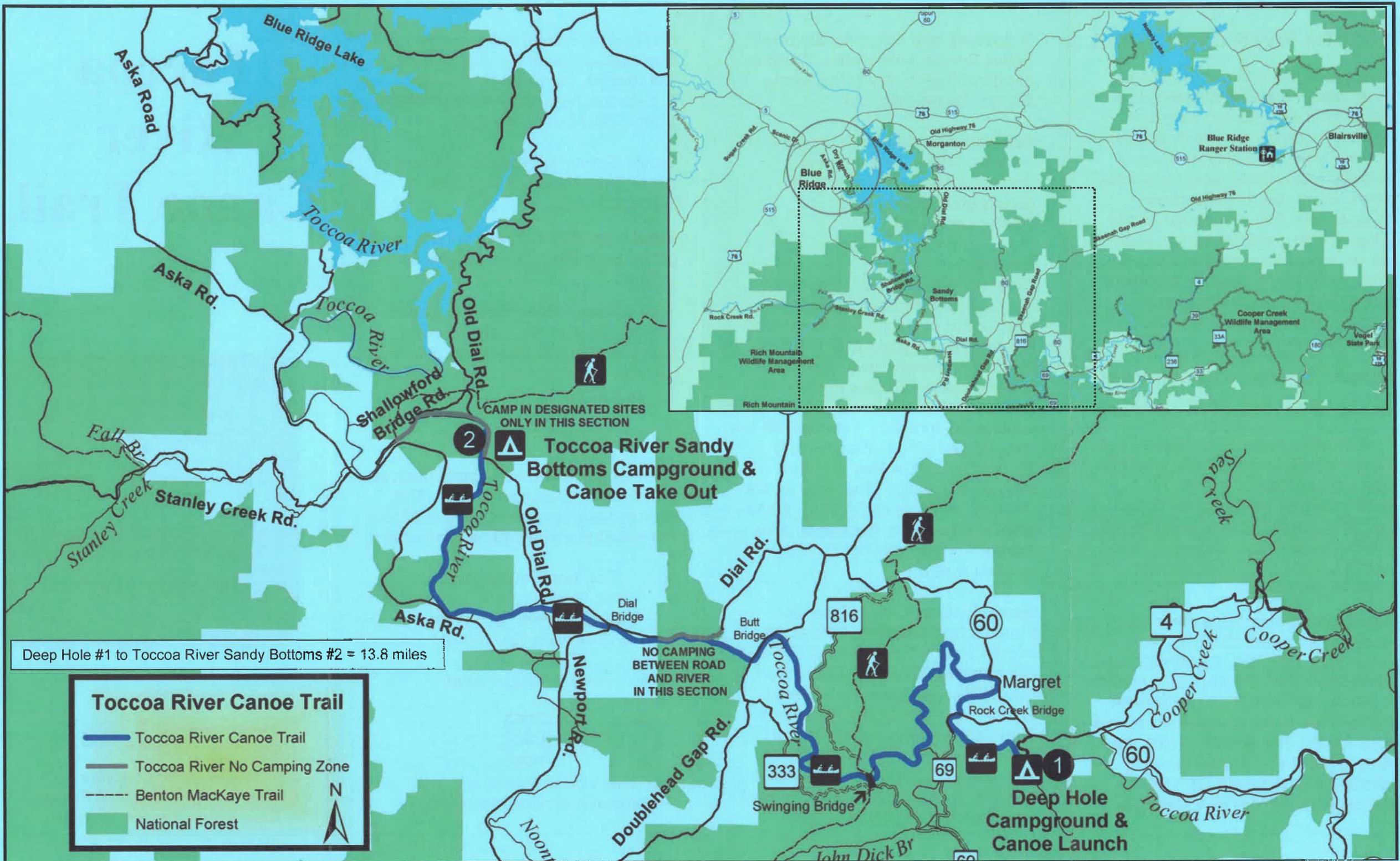


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Deep Hole #1 to Toccoa River Sandy Bottoms #2 = 13.8 miles

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