

Sunday, June 25

Cherokee Cha Cha

Nicholson Rd. (Forsyth County) to East Cherokee Dr. (Cherokee County)

Camping: Ball Ground Community Center

Day 2 winds some 16 miles through rapidly changing land in two of Georgia's fastest growing counties—Forsyth and Cherokee. After the steep descent at the launch site, it's a smooth grade all the way to East Cherokee Drive.

Paddlers will pass the site of a historic gold mine and through the McGraw Ford Wildlife Management Area where they should catch a glimpse of the first Native American fish weirs of the trip.

Some shoals in the WMA and a small rapid above Yellow Creek Road provide the only whitewater of the day.

The take out at "Gober Beach" on East Cherokee Drive is opposite the Goldkist Rendering Plant. After pulling boats out, paddlers will walk across the bridge to the plant where they can pick up the shuttle bus to Ball Ground. Goldkist, a Paddle Georgia 2006 sponsor, will give a discussion of the plant operations at 3 p.m. and will provide refreshments. Paddlers can have a drink and find out where their pet food comes from.