

**Tuesday, June 27**

Allatoona Amble

Canton to Sweetwater Campground

Camping: Allatoona Dam

Day 4 is, indeed, a slow amble of about 13 miles as the Etowah leaves Canton and immediately slows and widens as the river is harnessed some 25 miles downstream at Allatoona Dam.

Along the way, paddlers will paddle past the Blankenship Sand Company which has been pulling sand and silt from the Etowah since 1973. Each year, the operation pulls about 100,000 tons of material from the river which leaves room for an extra 15 million gallons of water in the lake.

There's no shoals, just lots of slow moving, wide open water. The lake paddle will be short, however, as trucks and canoe trailers will carry boats around the lake to the base of the dam at the day's end. Paddlers can take a dip at the beach at Sweetwater Campground while they wait for their shuttle to the campsite at Allatoona Dam.