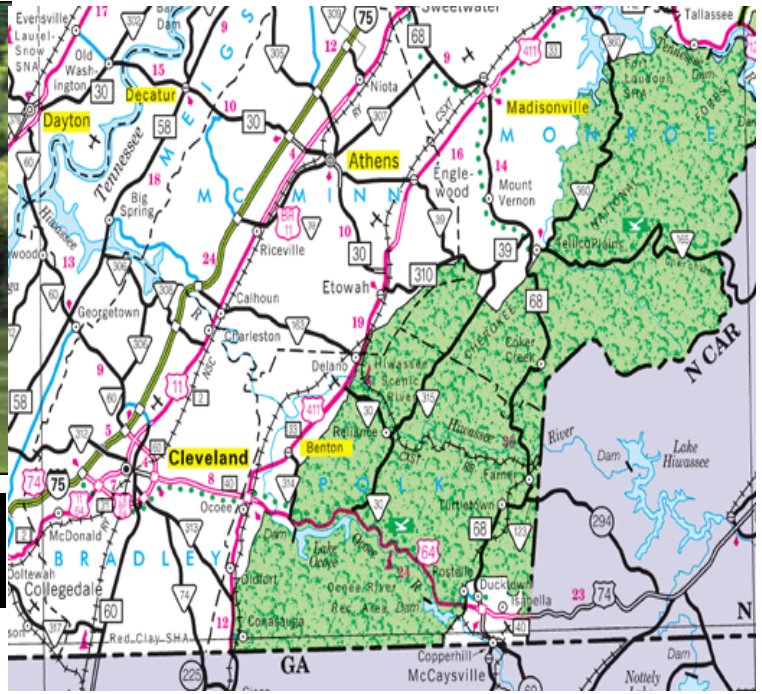
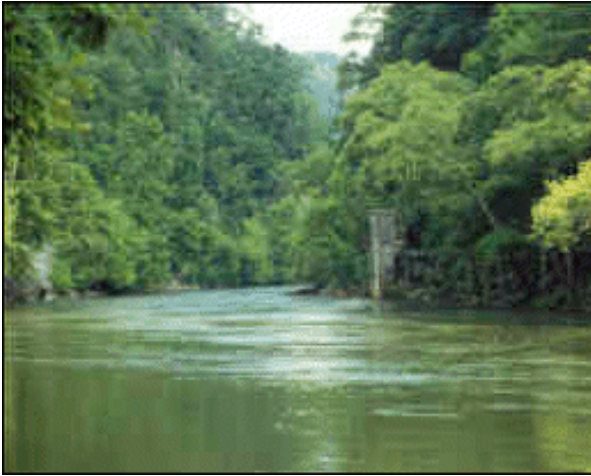


# Ocoee River



## The River

The Ocoee River is one of the top whitewater rivers in the world. The Middle Ocoee features mainly Class III (*difficult, some complex maneuvering, scouting advised*) and Class IV (*very difficult, complex maneuvering necessary, scouting absolutely necessary*) rapids. The water volume ranges from 1200 to 1800 cubic feet per second, and the gradient averages fifty-four feet per mile. This is a difficult run that takes around two hours and should only be attempted by very experienced paddlers. The Upper Ocoee River is mainly Class II (*easy rapids, some maneuvering necessary*) with a shallower gradient than the Middle Ocoee. This run culminates with a run through the Class IV 1996 Olympic Whitewater Canoe/Kayak slalom course. Inexperienced paddlers can make both runs by signing up for a professionally guided trip.



## Whitewater Center



The Ocoee Whitewater Center was host to the 1996 Olympic Whitewater Canoe/Kayak Competition. The Center features a 1:10 scale model of the whitewater course that was used by engineers who designed the course. There are several campgrounds in the area operated by the U.S. Forest Service and a forty-four mile network of biking and hiking trails near the Upper Ocoee. The Center also provides access to Parksville Lake; (also known as Lake Ocoee) this lake has several campgrounds on the banks. This scenic lake provides recreation opportunities and convenient access to the Ocoee River.