

River Notes:

More than 300 years ago a Creek Indian village existed near what is now Albany. It was called Thronateeska. The word in the Creek language means "flint picking up place" and, over time, the name came to be applied to the river that ran by the village. The name derives from the Creek word ronoto, meaning flint, and hachi, meaning creek stream.

The Flint is labeled as one of the most scenic rivers in Georgia and one of only 40 rivers left in the U.S. that flow unimpeded more than 200 miles. The scenery is spectacular, with towering bluffs of Pine Mountain right on the river. The Hollis quartzite-capped ridges rise 300-400 feet above the Piedmont surface and the Flint River to elevations over 1300 feet. Live oaks with Spanish moss and mountain laurels line the river banks.

Resources:

Flint River Adventure Area - Summer Adventure Guide

<http://www.LawhornScoutingBase.org>

Pine Mountain Backcountry

<http://ini-to324.org/trails>

Brown's Guide to Georgia – Flint River

<http://www.brownsguides.com/v/flint-river1/>

Sherpa Guides – the Flint River

http://www.sherpaguides.com/georgia/flint_river/

Group Reservations:

Please make reservations for your desired activities and campsite(s) in advance by contacting the Flint River Council office at 770-227-4556. The Flint River Adventure Area has all the canoe or tubing equipment and transportation you need for your float trip available for rent.

Emergencies:

No crew should plan to enter the backcountry for day or overnight trips without first notifying the Flint River Council office, Camp Headquarters in Howard Lodge at 706-647-9539, or the Camp Ranger. For emergencies, call Howard Lodge or the Flint River Adventure Area office at 706-647-6313. Cell phone coverage except Verizon is poor in areas.

The 10 Essentials:

Don't begin this trek without these basic items for yourself and group members.

1. Pocketknife or multipurpose tool.
2. First-Aid kit.
3. Appropriate clothing/jacket/shoes/socks.
4. Flashlight or headlamp.
5. Rain gear or poncho.
6. Water bottle per person.
7. Map and compass/GPS.
8. Matches and fire starter.
9. Sun & bug protection, sunglasses.
10. Trail food or snack.

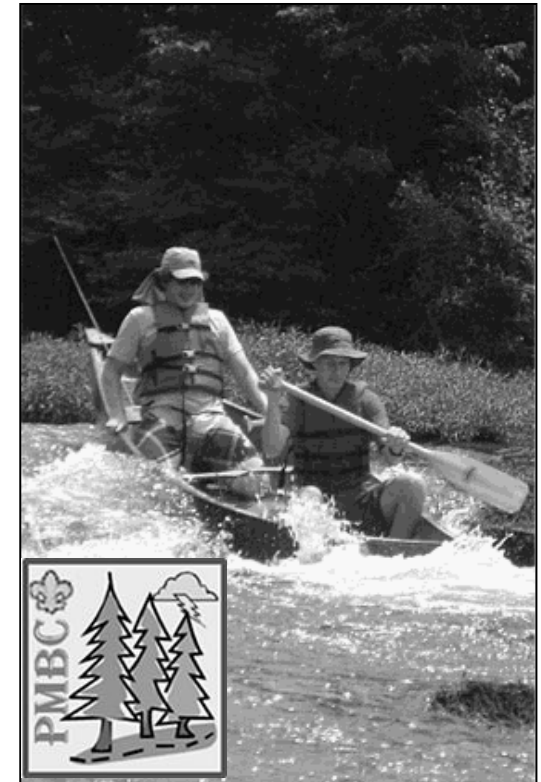


Geocaches:

There are caches located on this float. Contact the Camp Headquarters for details.



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**PINE MOUNTAIN
BACKCOUNTRY**

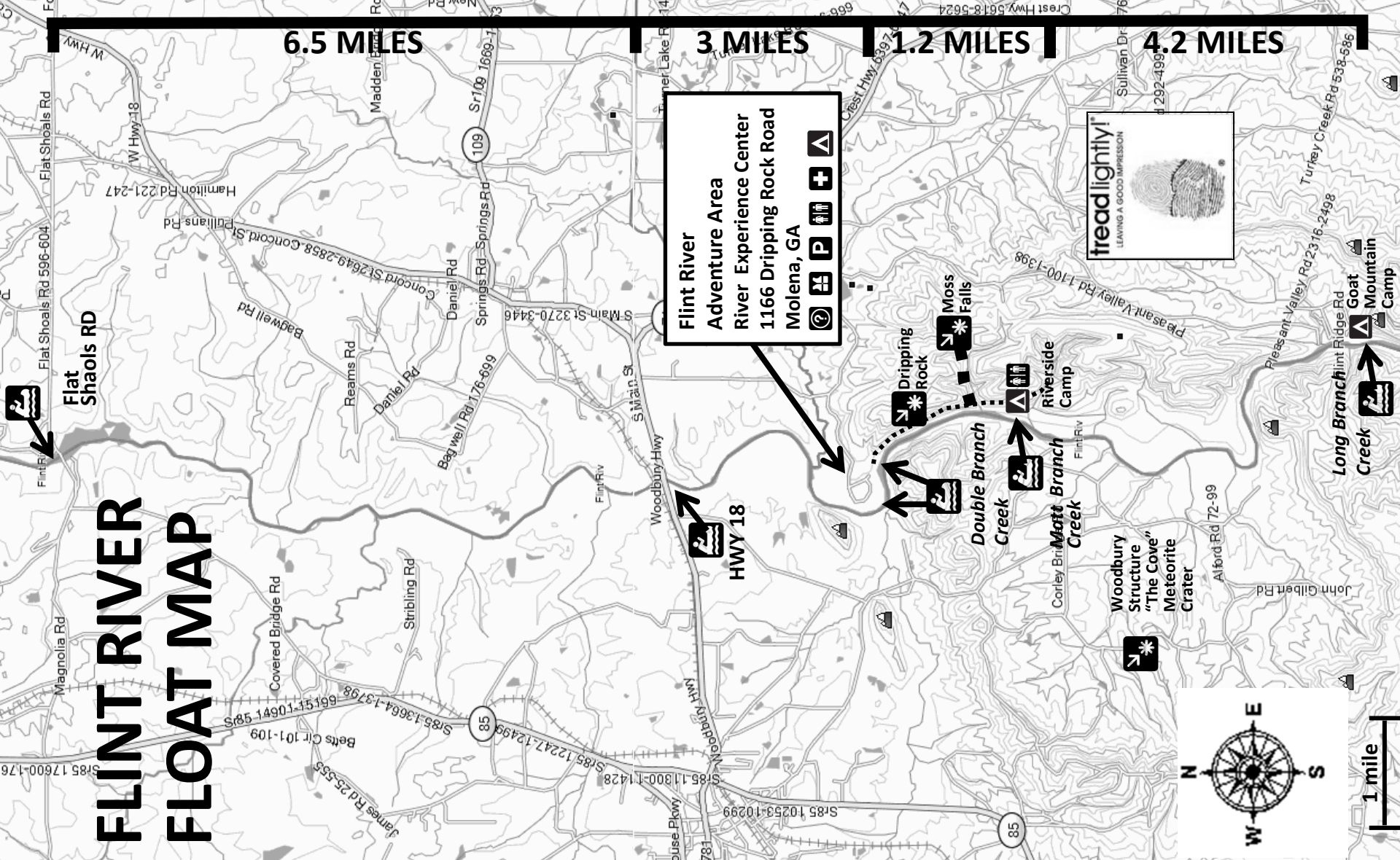
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- Campsite
- Parking
- Info Kiosk
- Equipment
- First Aid
- Latrine
- Canoe Landing
- Point of Interest

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Pine Mountain Backcountry Information and maps at <http://ini-to324.org/trails/>

Trail to Moss Falls

Secondary trails

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Safety Afloat:

The Upper Flint is easy paddling suitable for trained beginners, but persons should have basic canoeing or kayaking skills. Wear Type II/III personal floatation devices and shoes.

Float Notes:

Above HYW 362, numerous trees and snags often block the riverbed. Recommend starting at Flat Shoals RD with high water, and HWY 18 during low water. You can expect dragging boats across rocks at some point almost any time of the year.

The river should be running at least 800 cubic feet per second. Numerous guide books and blogs suggest that the river can be run at a minimum of 300 cubes, at 500 cubes you will frequently drag rocks.

Most of the Upper Flint is slow moving water with a series of class I rapids and a few quality class II rapids for fun. The best Class II whitewater is from Sprewell Bluff State Park to HWY 36.

Below Highway 36 is the Yellow Jacket Shoals: This section of the Flint features Class III and IV whitewater and should only be attempted by experienced canoeists!

Fishing:

Georgia River Fishing top ranks the Upper Flint above all other rivers in Georgia. Enjoy the challenge from the unique shoal bass, largemouth bass, bluegill, bream, catfish, crappie, and the spotted gar.

Campgrounds:

Camp only at designated durable campsites and fire rings to reduce impacts.

Riverside Camp. N32 56.741 W84 31.083

This shoreline campsite is located in the Pine Mountain Backcountry of the Gerald I Lawhorn Scouting Base. Three crew campsites, permanent campfire pits, latrine, waste water sump and bear cables. Fresh water at nearby Matt Branch Creek.

Goat Mountain: N32 54.268 W84 30.489

Located at the mouth of Long Branch Creek, halfway between Hwy 18/74 and FROC. Good for 1 day put-in and campground for two day trips.

Water Sources:

Always carry sufficient water and treatment means for your planned activities. To be safe, all water from creek and river sources should be purified by filtering, boiling or chemical treatment before use. Carefully follow the filter or chemical treatment instructions.

Dispose of Waste Properly:

All trash must be removed with your group. Bring extra bags in your boat to pick up trash. Human waste must be removed or buried at least 6 inches and 200 feet from water or camps.

Respect Wildlife:

Your food, smellable items and waste will draw the interest of animals of all sizes along the Flint River. Armadillo, juvenile black bear, wild boar, chipmunk, coyotes, mice, raccoons, opossum, and squirrel all inhabit the Pine Mountain region.

Boat Ramps and Access:

The banks of the river are privately owned. You must use these access points.

Joe Kurz WMA (White Oak Creek)

Located 4 miles Northeast of Gay from HWY 85 on Mount Carmel RD. No camping.

Gay (Flat Shoals RD)

Located 3 miles East of Gay from HWY 85. Turn off Flat Shoals RD after crossing the bridge on the North side of the highway.

Woodbury (HWY 18)

Located 2 miles East of Woodbury from HWY 85. Turn off HWY 85 at Cove RD and follow HWY 85 for ¼ mile to the river.

Gerald I Lawhorn Scouting Base

1166 Dripping Rock Road, Molena. Canoe rentals, shuttle bus, parking and three canoe launch points within the Flint River Adventure Area. This is private property. Access by members or permit.

Sprewell Bluff State Park

Located 10 miles west of Thomaston. From Ga. Hwy. 74, turn on Old Alabama Road and go south 6 miles to the park. **Park Hours:** 7AM-Sunset. No camping.

Flint River Outdoor Center (HWY 36)

4429 Woodland Road, GA 36, Thomaston, GA. Canoe rentals, shuttle bus, and launch. There is a camping and parking fee.

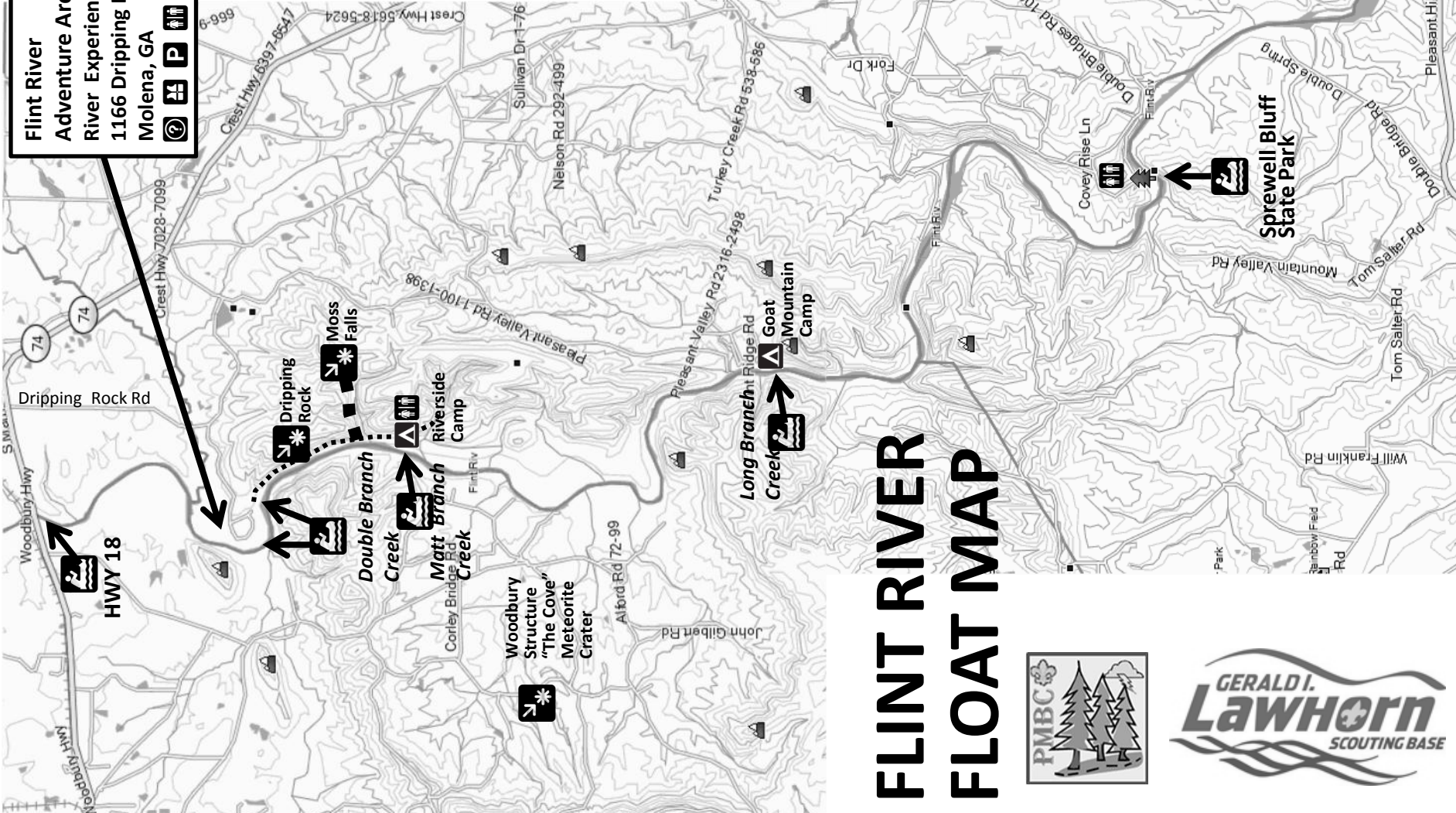
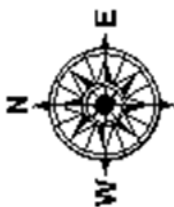
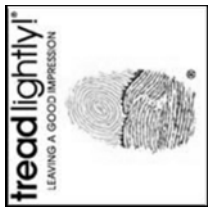
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**Flint River
Adventure Area**
River Experience Center
1166 Dripping Rock Road
Molena, GA



FLINT RIVER FLOAT MAP

