Swiftwater Rescue Conference

October 9-11, 2015

Swiftwater Rescue Conference
Western North Carolina

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Welcome to the 2015 ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference:

The ACA is the premier organization that represents paddlers of all abilities and in all venues across the country. Whether it’s our national standard for paddlesports instruction, our far reaching stewardship initiatives, insurance for your club or event, our commitment to paddlesports events and recreation, or simply competing in a local citizen’s race, our volunteers and staff are here to serve. As part of the ACA’s leadership role in the paddlesports community, we have initiated this signature event to target multiple facets of river rescue for canoeing, kayaking, rafting, and stand up paddleboarding.

Paddle safe – paddle often,

The ACA Staff

A Brief History of the ACA

Founded in 1880 by a group of 15 notable canoeists, the ACA has grown into the nation’s largest and most active nonprofit paddlesports organization with 30,000 members, over 150 Paddle America Clubs and 100 Affiliate Organizations across the United States and abroad. Through friendships forged in the 1870’s through canoe sailing regatta’s, regional canoe club events, and the canoe cruising and exploration of America’s waterways, the ACA was established on the shores of Lake George, NY on August 3, 1880. Nathaniel H. Bishop, a prominent 19th century canoe explorer, was known as the ‘father of the ACA’. Bishop, along with the first Commodore, William L. Alden, declared in the 1880-81 ACA Yearbook the object of the ACA “shall be the promotion of canoeing.”

Original focuses of the association were centered around: camaraderie, racing, poling, canoe sailing and extended waterway exploration. Throughout the early 20th century the ACA evolved from a loose knit group to an incorporated entity whose influence began to reach across the country as well as internationally. From the 1940’s through the early 1990’s, the ACA placed significant resources into all aspects of paddlesport competition, from local and national races to winning two World Championships to being the National Governing Body (NGB) for paddlesports for the U.S. Olympic Committee. With strong ties to the American Red Cross, the YMCA and the Boy Scouts of America, the instruction program was formalized in 1973 with the advent of the ACA Canoe Instruction Certification Committee. Over the past 40 years this committee has also been known as the Training Committee, the National Instruction Committee and currently, the Safety Education & Instruction Council.

Publications of the organization began in the 1880’s and ranged from Forest and Stream and The American Canoeist, to Canoe, Paddler and Paddle Dealer. Today, the ACA has partnered with Rapid Media.

The ACA is dedicated to promoting canoeing, kayaking, rafting and stand up paddleboarding as wholesome lifetime recreational activities. We accomplish our mission by providing a variety of programs and public services in such areas as: event sponsorship, safety education, instructor certification, waterway stewardship, water trails, paddler's rights and protection, and public information campaigns. We are affiliated with over 300 organizations, such as Subaru of America, L.L. Bean, and the U.S. Coast Guard that help us to pursue our mission.

For over 130 years, the ACA has been the voice of paddlers across the country. Through the tireless efforts of volunteers, committee members, board members, and staff, the ACA continues to work at the grassroots, regional and national levels to promote fun and responsible canoeing, kayaking, rafting & stand up paddleboarding on America’s waterways.
A Letter from the Conference Co-Chairs:

Why do you paddle? Ask a hundred different paddlers and you might get a hundred different answers - because there are hundreds of great reasons to paddle. Some paddle for excitement and adventure, others for a chance to spend time outside, and still others for a chance to be with friends and family. Most of us enjoy all of these reasons, and could add quite a few more. But, no matter why you paddle, the ACA’s Swiftwater Rescue Conference offers something to make your paddling more enjoyable.

The ACA is the oldest and largest paddling-focused organization in the United States, and the only U.S. organization that addresses all aspects of paddling. ACA members and staff work on a wide range of projects, such as instruction, cleaning waterways, representing the paddling community to regulators, and coordinating paddling events, all aimed at making paddling more fun for all. This year’s SWR Conference will include seminars from the premier water rescue educators in the U.S.

Regardless of your skill level or experience, the SWR Conference has something to help make your paddling life better. But, the best part of this event may be the times between sessions, when you can speak (and throw ropes) with folks from around the country.

We look forward to meeting you on the waters of our home river, the Tuckaseegee, in western North Carolina.

Sam Fowlkes & Robin Pope
Co-Chairs
ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference
2015 Swiftwater Rescue Conference

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A special thanks to Sam Fowlkes and Robin & Joyce Pope
Presenters at the 2015 ACA SWR Conference:

We are excited to host the following world class safety and rescue professionals:

Mike Mather

Mike is an ACA Safety & Rescue ITE, Rescue 3 Rope & Water IT. With more than 20 years of bad judgment on and in the water, Mike Mather is one of the more experienced and entertaining rescue professionals in the industry. Having taught courses all over the U.S. and in Europe, Mike has an unconventional approach to this topic. Mike excels at keeping topics clear, accessible and applicable for rescue professionals, experienced boaters and novices alike. Kent Ford described Mike as a “highly skilled person, with a valuable set of skills, including guiding, guide training and broad national experience in swiftwater rescue. His experience level is truly unique on a national level.” A few of the teams Mike has trained to date include: USN Seals, USAF PJs, San Diego lifeguards, Los Angeles lifeguards, Eagle County Colorado FD, etc. Mike worked with Horst Fürsattel, the inventor of the rescue PFD in Germany, and tested the rescue harness by having the class haul him up an 8-foot ledge. Mike played the role of the entrapped victim in the film "Heads Up" multiple times and in one instance the rope snagged on the river bottom entrapping him for real. The "Houdini" of swiftwater rescue!

Justin S. Padgett, M.S., NREMT-Paramedic, WEMT

Justin has spent the last 20+ years of his life paddling canoes, kayaks and rafts throughout North and South America. He is an Instructor trainer in Swiftwater Rescue and Whitewater Kayak and sits on the ACA national curriculum boards for each. As a senior instructor and Executive Director of Landmark Learning, Justin spends approximately 100 + days per year teaching a combination of emergency medicine and rescue skills to folks who live and play outdoors. Justin's humor and creativity in curriculum delivery make him a popular conference speaker.

Dave Kessmann

Dave has been involved in paddlesports education since 2002 when he began assisting with Swift Water Rescue courses. He has since gone on to become certified by the ACA in both Kayaking (L5 IT / L4 ITE) and Swift Water Rescue (L4 IT).

Based out of Lynchburg, VA and Friendsville, MD, Dave teaches primarily in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic but has offered courses in the Northeast and West Coast as well.

Aaron Peeler

Aaron, Owner of H2O Rescue Gear & Outdoor School Manager at the US National Whitewater Center, started his river career before even being born. Growing up with a dad that was a river guide and taking his first rafting trip while still in his mother's womb, he had paddling in his blood. Aaron started his professional career as a guide in the late 90's on the Ocoee and Nantahala rivers. Over the past 17 years he has had the opportunity to guide on many different rivers including the Gauley River, multiple sections of the Colorado river, including Grand Canyon and Arkansas river. During this time Aaron trained and supervised over 1,000 guides and guide instructors. Aaron has overseen the development of training programs for different outfitters, written river protocols, and managed day to day business. In 2006, after seeing many incidents on the river that could have been avoided, Aaron became a...
SWR instructor and received his ACA Advanced Swiftwater Rescue Instructor Certification. Since then Aaron has dedicated his time to helping whitewater enthusiasts and rescue professionals become more proactive in their river rescue skills. In 2011 Aaron completed his ACA Instructor Trainer certification for Swiftwater Rescue. In 2007 Aaron developed the USNWC Swiftwater Rescue Program for Rescue Professionals and Military Personnel which offers a wide selection of courses focused to departments’ needs. Since the USNWC SWR Program’s inception, Aaron has trained over 400 rescue professionals including elite military special operations members stationed throughout the world. Aaron also tests (and reports on) river gear for many different manufacturers and the Department of Homeland Security. Aaron resides in Charlotte, NC with his wife and 3 kids where he manages the Outdoor School at the US National Whitewater Center and runs H2O Rescue Gear - the leading throw bag design manufacturer. In his free time, you can find Aaron paddling on local rivers (kayak, raft, SUP, and open canoe), paddle boarding at the coast, skiing in the Rockies, and just enjoying time with his family.

Robin Pope

Robin is past president of the ACA’s Board of Directors and past chair of the ACA’s Safety Education and Instruction Council. For more than two decades, Robin has taught paddling for a wide range of Southeastern clubs and paddling programs. He is an ACA level 5 ITE in Swiftwater Rescue and Whitewater Kayaking, and helped develop the curriculum for both programs. He also is an active volunteer for Boy Scouts, where he serves in many roles, including scoutmaster and aquatics instructor. Professionally, Robin is a physician assistant specializing in orthopedics and sports medicine, and has particular interests in wilderness medicine and injury prevention.

Sam Fowlkes

Sam has been a leader in paddlesports for over 30 years. His involvement with the American Canoe Association began in 1977 when certified as a whitewater kayak instructor while working at Nantahala Outdoor Center as a guide and instructor. He has been an ACA whitewater canoe Instructor Trainer since 1981. He is presently an Instructor Trainer Educator in Advanced Swiftwater Rescue and Whitewater Canoe for the ACA. In addition, Sam is an Instructor Trainer for Rescue 3 International. He is certified as a NOLS Wilderness E.M.T. Educated at ECU, UNC-CH and WCU, he holds B.S and M.A.Ed degrees. Sam has been on the teaching faculty of Western Carolina University for the past fourteen years schooling students in water-based sports education. His other ACA leadership positions include: 12 years as Dixie Division Divisional Instruction Facilitator, 4 years as SEIC Vice Chair, 4 years as SEIC Chair. He received the ACA Joe Pena Volunteer Award in 2002, voted David Mason volunteer of the year in 2004 from the Dixie Division and received the ACA Instructor of the Year Award in 2005. He is currently serving a third term on the Board Of Directors of the ACA. The lead swiftwater rescue IT for the whitewater symposiums 2004 and 2005, he has been described as a “contemporary leader in swiftwater rescue education and program development.” Sam maintains his website: whitewater-rescue.com as a resource for ACA instructors and trainers. Favorite rivers: Chattooga, Middle Fork, Main Salmon and the Selway.

Tom Burroughs

Tom started serving in Emergency Services in 1990. He has worked in numerous capacities including; Fire, EMS, HazMat and Technical Rescue. He currently is Team Leader of Washington County Arkansas Search and Rescue Team where he coordinates and manages over fifty trained responders. Tom is a Firefighter/NREMT/EMT-W/Hazmat Tech/MPIC and holds numerous certifications in the field. He is also a NASAR evaluator, SARTECH I and has extensive training and experience in Incident Management.

A paddler since childhood, Tom has been an instructor for the ACA since 2005. Tom holds Instructor Trainer certification in Advanced Swiftwater Rescue, Whitewater Kayaking and Whitewater Rafting (oar/paddle). As an avid whitewater paddler, he has numerous first descents on remote
runs and has paddled extensively throughout North and South America. Tom has functioned as medical/safety support and as trip leader for many expedition trips. The experience he brings from years of problem solving in remote locations is significant. His watercraft of choice is a whitewater kayak, but he also paddles OC-1 and rows rafts.

Tom serves as the director of Ozark Safety and Rescue Educators / Clear Creek Paddlesports, based high in the Ozark Mountains. His company offers world class experiential education programs in Swiftwater Rescue, Kayaking, Rafting, and extensive courses in Wilderness/Rescue Medicine. Custom courses are Tom’s specialty, and he coordinates a highly experienced network of instructors offering programing throughout the USA and Mexico.

Tom is a certified national instructor for the National Cave Rescue Commission. He was highly instrumental in the creation of the Small Party Assisted Rescue curriculum designed for expedition cavers in remote areas. Tom has taught a wide variety of courses for State and Federal agencies, Universities and Colleges, presented at national conferences, and provided risk management services for camp and institutional programs. Tom brings a “real world” approach and a variety of experience to everything he teaches.

Adam Masters

Adam runs Bellyak, Inc. from Weaverville NC. Countless hours of research and testing have gone into the Bellyak’s patented designs to ensure ultimate comfort and safety on the water. The designs are tested and refined on the French Broad, Pigeon, Ocoee and Chattooga rivers by a dedicated and growing group of talented bellyakers… pushing the limits of fun. Innovation in boat design and being on the water is part of the Masters family. In case you haven’t made the connection, Adam’s dad is Bill Masters, founder of Perception Kayaks. Bill’s innovations & application of rotomolding to kayak manufacturing allowed kayakers to progress the sport at a much quicker pace, and made boats widely available and more affordable. Adam continues the family tradition with Bellyak. He will be presenting on the rescue applications on the Bellyak in whitewater.

Nate Nahikian

In 1999, Nate graduated from Brevard College, with a bachelors degree in Outdoor Education, and has since pursued work and travel in the outdoors and on the water. While putting himself through school running outdoor trips for summer camps (and painting a few houses) he worked for several years as a lead kayak instructor, guide, and program manager at the Nantahala Outdoor Center.

Most recently, he worked in DC as the head kayak instructor and manager for Liquid Adventures Kayak School, working to guide it and shape it for close to 6 years with its owner/director, Tom McEwan. As an ACA Certified Kayak Instructor Trainer and canoe and rescue instructor Nate has a rich background to draw upon, which is quite diverse when combined with a long work history in paddlesports and many years on the water.

He has been involved with Team River Runner since 2005, and currently manages weekly pool sessions at the Washington VA Hospital Center for patients in the poly-trauma center. In addition to running his own programs and trips at Potomac River Outfitters, he does contract work for the local kayak schools, consults and teaches for college outing programs, and works for Landmark Learning as time allows. Landmark Learning is a company that provides training and certification for other outdoor leaders and programs.

He loves to share river experiences of all sorts with people. He feels his strength as an instructor is his highly adaptable teaching style and awareness of different learning styles. Having experience in a variety of paddling disciplines from slalom to creeking, to sea kayaking to canoeing and rafting, further strengthens that adaptability.

Walter Felton

Walter calls South Arkansas home, while his profession is not boating related his passion is. Walter is an avid open boater and oarsman with experience on rivers around the US. While canoeing is his passion he loves rafting as well. Walter typically rows gear boats on multi-day
trips including the trips down the Colorado through the Grand Canyon in AZ, the Middle Fork and Main Salmon, and the Selway in Idaho. The pinnacle of his rowing career was rowing the Futaleufu in Southern Chile. Walter is a Level 5 Advanced Whitewater Canoe Instructor and a Level 4 Whitewater Canoe Instructor Trainer. His love for teaching boating was fostered through the Arkansas Canoe Club. The ACC has a very active skills development program with ACA instructors leading the workshops. These workshops teach 100’s of people to paddle each year and provide a very high level of instruction to outdoor enthusiast from Arkansas and surrounding states. Walter is extremely involved in teaching Swiftwater Rescue both for the Arkansas Canoe Club and other organizations around the country. He is a Level 5 Advanced Swiftwater Rescue Instructor Trainer Educator and has helped develop several new rescue techniques that are gaining acceptance in the rescue community. His dedication to staying on the cutting edge of rescue technique is driven not only by a desire to help the boating community but also by the need to support the groups that he paddles with, using the best tools and information available. Known as a "go to man" on the scene of a rescue, whether it be technical rigging or on big water rivers, Walter's "take no prisoners attitude" gets the job done.

Will Norris

Will began his career as an outdoor professional in 2001 with the Nantahala Outdoor Center, and quickly honed his leadership and white water skills while guiding rafts and instructing kayaking on some of the Southeast’s most challenging rivers. Upon completion of a Rescue 3 SRT1 course in 2006, Will recognized the correlation between the needs of recreational river users and rescue professionals. In the years that followed, Will embarked on a pathway of Rescue 3 courses, instructor candidate training and ultimately became a certified instructor in 2012, teaching WRT, RRC, SRT and NIMS Rescue Boat Operator courses.

Will is also an ACA Level 4 Instructor in Swiftwater Rescue, Whitewater Kayaking and an ACA Level 2 SUP Instructor.

When not teaching ACA or Rescue 3 courses, Will continues to instruct paddle sport classes for NOC and also courses for Southwestern Community College’s outdoor leadership degree.

Ty Tuff

Based out of Boulder, CO, Ty has been teaching both whitewater kayaking and advanced swiftwater rescue courses since 2003. Evaluations from past students confirm that his teaching style is rigorous and challenging, as well as rewarding and fun.

Ty apprenticed under Eric Bader and Nick Wigston while working for both the Boulder Outdoor Center and then Renaissance Adventure Guides before earning his own Instructor Trainer Certification. In addition to his extensive whitewater instruction experience, Ty was a professional ski instructor for Powderhorn ski resort for six years and an avalanche awareness instructor for three years. He’s a vocal spokesman for progressing this sport in a safe and fun way. As an instructor, he focuses on customizing lessons to address each class. Students in his classes can expect extensive training in learner-driven teaching strategies and precise execution of kayaking and rescue fundamentals.

Marcel Bieg

Marcel has been instructing and guiding for over 15 years from Alaska to the Florida Keys. Originally from Toronto, Canada, Marcel holds a M.S. in Ex.Ed. from Minnesota State University, Mankato along with Several Instructor Certifications from the AMGA, ACA, AIARE, LNT, ACCT, PSIA ext… Marcel has a wide range of experience in the outdoor field and has been employed in several outdoor professions including Higher Education, U.S. Military, K12 and Expedition Education. Marcel is also part of several non-profit organizations that focus on Resource Protection and Outdoor Education. He holds numerous ACA certifications, including Instructor Trainer in Whitewater Rafting and Whitewater Kayaking. He is also a certified Instructor in SUP, Surf Kayak, Coastal Kayak, a Level 5: Advanced Swiftwater Rescue Instructor and he holds the Adaptive Paddling Endorsement.
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Tuckasegee River, western North Carolina

**Schedule**

- **Thursday, October 8th**
  - 9am-4:00pm  
    - Presenter on-water session *(open to conference presenters only)*  
  - 6:00  
    - Presenter Dinner/Reception *(Sam Fowlkes’ home – open to presenters only)*  
  - 4:00-8:00pm  
    - SWR Conference Registration / Check in opens *(Barker’s Creek Community Center)*

- **Friday, October 9th**
  - 7:30am  
    - SWR Conference Registration / Check in continues *(Barker’s Creek Community Center)*
  - 8:30  
    - Opening Session *(Barker’s Creek Community Center – all attend)*
  - 9:00  
    - Shuttle Transport to River Sites
  - 10:00  
    - On-Water Educational Session I
  - 1:00  
    - Lunch *(on your own, bring a bag lunch)*
    - Transport between on-water sites
  - 2:00  
    - On-Water Educational Session II
  - 5:00  
    - Shuttle Transport back to Barker’s Creek Community Center
  - 6:30  
    - Dinner provided by Bogarts of Sylva *(Barker’s Creek Community Center)*
    - Social & Informal Discussions with Presenters

- **Saturday, October 10th**
  - 8:00am  
    - SWR Conference Registration Area Opens *(Barker’s Creek Community Center)*
  - 8:45  
    - Shuttle Transport to River Sites
  - 9:45  
    - On-Water Educational Session III
  - 12:45  
    - Lunch *(on your own, bring a bag lunch)*
    - Transport between on-water sites
  - 1:45  
    - On-Water Educational Session IV
  - 4:45  
    - Shuttle Transport back to Barker’s Creek Community Center
  - 6:30  
    - Keynote Presentation *(Barker’s Creek Community Center)*
    - The Latest Update on Drowning Protocols by Justin Padgett
  - 7:00  
    - BBQ dinner & the music of **Mountain Feist** *(Barker’s Creek Community Center)*

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2015 ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference
Tuckaseegee River, western North Carolina

Schedule

● Sunday, October 11th

8:00am  ◦ SWR Conference Registration Area Opens (*Barker’s Creek Community Center*)

8:45    ◦ Shuttle Transport to River Sites

9:45    ◦ Masters Classes – unique SWR experiences and challenges
       Sign up at the registration / check in

       ● Bellyak Applications in Whitewater Rescue
          ◦ Adam Masters

       ● Advanced Swimming Skills and Swim Coaching
          ◦

       ● SWR for Professional Rescuers
          ◦ Aaron Peeler

       ● Rescue in Remote Environments
          ◦ Tom Burroughs

       ● Tricks of the Trade in Swiftwater Rescue
          ◦ Jim Coffey & Mike Mather

       ● Advanced Rescue Vest Applications
          ◦

       ● Cinches and Mechanical Advantage: practice & application
          ◦

12:00pm ◦ Shuttle Transport back to Barker’s Creek Community Center

1:00    ◦ SWR Conference Closing Presentation & Feedback

1:30    ◦ SWR Committee & Presenters - Lunch / Meeting

Safe Travels Home!

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ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference
FAQ

1) What river will we be on?
Tuckasegee River in Jackson County NC

2) Where will registration / check-in be held?
Thursday, 4-8:00pm at the Barker’s Creek Community Center
Friday, 7:30-8:30am at the Barker’s Creek Community Center

3) Where will the Opening Session be held?
Barker’s Creek Community Center at 8:30 AM on Friday
4065 US HWY 74 Whittier, NC 28789

4) What time will the sessions conclude each day?
5:00pm is the target time; some may run a little longer, some a bit earlier

5) How will this be organized, can I pick and choose the topics I want to attend?
Participants will be divided into equal numbered groups and will rotate between
the four on-water stations so you will get the benefit of all presenters' topics. If
you choose not to attend one or another that is your call, but you must stay in
your group's rotation sequence.

There will be three Conference Tracks to choose from during online registration:
- Fundamentals of Swiftwater Rescue
- Advanced Swiftwater Rescue
- ACA Instructor Update

6) Will I be required to get in the water?
It is your call to choose the level of participation. You can:
a) observe only
b) passively participate i.e. stay on shore
c) actively participate to the maximum level in the water

7) Will food be provided?
Food will be provided on Friday and Saturday nights. Please bring a bag lunch
each day along with an appropriate amount of water. It is impractical to eat lunch
off site. Alcohol is not allowed at any of the daytime venues.

8) Are there places to buy food?
Several grocery stores are located in Sylva, as are a number of restaurants.

9) Can I camp on site?
No. Several campgrounds are nearby.

10) What type of hygiene facilities will be available?
The same as most other paddling trips. Please be prepared.
11) Can I bring my pet?
   Pets are not allowed at the presenter’s stations, classrooms or conference venues. You can bring your pet if your lodging/camping location allows. There are several kennels in the area, all easily found via Google.

12) If I am a currently certified ACA SWR Instructor, can I update my instructor status at the conference?
   Yes, you will need to choose the ACA Instructor Update Track during your online registration. In addition, you will also be required to identify yourself (Level 3, 4, or 5) as such at each station to the presenters (who are SWR ITs and ITEs) and will be asked to assist in teaching some of the topics. Additional information will be emailed to you prior to the start of the conference.

13) What type of gear will I need?
   Appropriate for your level of participation. You are responsible for all personal gear, PFD, helmet, footwear, thermal protection etc. Throw rope, prusiks, webbing, carbiners, pulleys etc. will be helpful items. The 10 foot safety rule will be in effect for all river venues, i.e. you must be “geared up” with PFD, helmet, footwear on ready for use, (“zipped and clipped”) at all river venues if you are within 10 feet of the water.

14) What kind of weather and water conditions should we expect?
   Class sessions will be held on class I-II sections of the Tuckaseegee. Water temperatures will be cool to cold. Weather in October could range from clear and sunny to snow.

15) What will happen if the weather is bad?
   The event will be held rain or shine or snow, although hurricanes or blizzards may lead to event cancellation.

16) How will we get from one station to the next?
   The road to the teaching sites is a narrow, winding one lane dirt road with a steep drop off on one side, and parking is very limited, so we’d like to cut down traffic as much as possible. A shuttle for participants will run between stations. We will not be able to shuttle boats. Participants also can paddle to each site and set their own shuttle at the put in and take out.

17) If I paddle, how long will it take?
   Competent paddlers can paddle the length of the Tuckaseegee in 45 to 90 minutes. There is a large parking area at the put in and take out. The teaching sites are about mid-river, and are separated by about a 15 minute paddle. If you plan on a 45 minute paddle to a teaching site, 45 minutes from a teaching site to the take out, and 15 minutes between sites, and don’t stop to play (or swim, or get rescued), you shouldn’t have any trouble. Driving from the put in to take out takes about 10 minutes.
Directions:

Barker’s Creek Community Center

4065 US Hwy 74. Whittier, NC 28789

Head West on 441 / 74
Pass Exit 81 for Dillsboro.
The Barker’s Creek Community Center will be on the left side of the road
If you get to the public take out for the Tuckaseegee River, you’ve gone too far
Head back east on 441 / 74

You can also try putting the following into your GPS:

- Duckback Trail, Whittier, NC
  - the community center is on the corner of Duckback Trail and the Great Smoky Mountain Expressway
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