

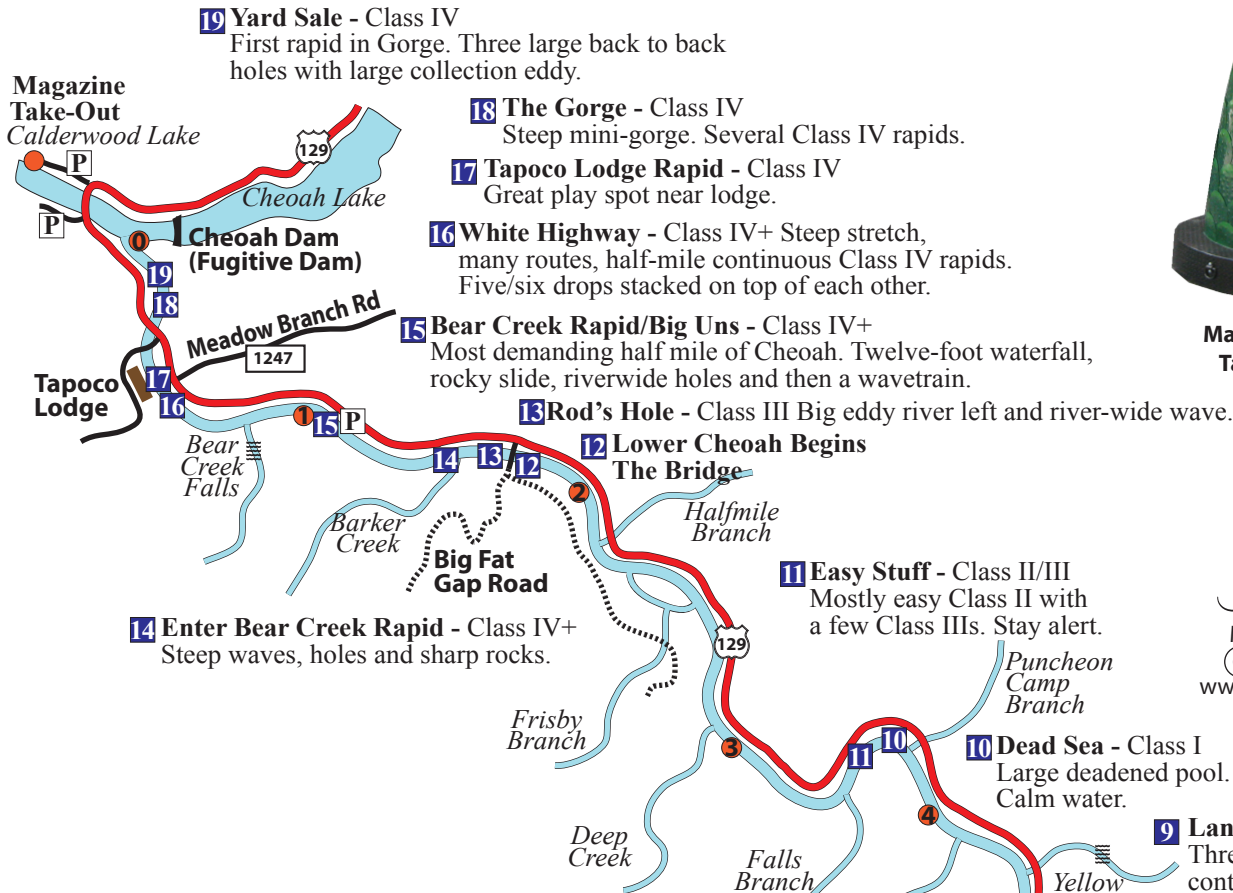
# CHEOAH RIVER



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**14 Enter Bear Creek Rapid - Class IV+**  
Steep waves, holes and sharp rocks.

**15 Bear Creek Rapid/Big Uns - Class IV+**  
Most demanding half mile of Cheoah. Twelve-foot waterfall, rocky slide, riverwide holes and then a wavetrain.

**16 White Highway - Class IV+** Steep stretch, many routes, half-mile continuous Class IV rapids. Five/six drops stacked on top of each other.

**18 The Gorge - Class IV**  
Steep mini-gorge. Several Class IV rapids.

**17 Tapoco Lodge Rapid - Class IV**  
Great play spot near lodge.

**19 Yard Sale - Class IV**  
First rapid in Gorge. Three large back to back holes with large collection eddy.

The Cheoah River has a 9.25 mile run from Santeetlah Dam to Calderwood Lake. The average gradient is 83 fpm with a maximum of 146 fpm. The gradient is relatively constant with a few exceptions.

SECTION 1: Four miles of brushy, tree-clogged river with a number of sticky holes.

SECTION 2: Four mile relatively open, mild middle section with some good wave trains.

SECTION 3: One and a half miles with the most gradient and best defined drops.

RELEASE DATES: GrahamCountyTravel.com  
Go to the EVENT CALENDAR page and under Categories select Cheoah River Release.

**8 Middle Cheoah Begins Yellow Creek Rapid - Class IV**  
Five miles of big, pushy rapids. Larger riverbed, wider rapids with many routes.

**7 Holy Rollers - Class IV**  
Two long, continuous rapids with a large, riverwide hole.

**3 Southern Revival - Class IV**  
A large pool then long, complex rapid with back-to-back drops. Many offset holes.

**2 Craik's Ledge - Class III+**  
A three-foot ledge with a strong hole in the middle.

**1 First Diversion Pipe**  
30 feet above the river with calm current.

**10 Dead Sea - Class I**  
Large deadened pool. Calm water.

**9 Land of Holes - Class IV+**  
Three-quarter mile with continuous Class IV rapids. Many holes, few eddies and no breaks.

**6 Takeout - Class IV+**  
Many large holes and boulders

**5 Wilma's Ledge - Class IV+**  
Six foot ledge with large hole. Lack of eddies. Holes/pushy water.

**4 Pipewalk - Class III+**  
Under the pipeline and swinging bridge ending with big eddy.

**7** **1242** **Yellowcreek Rd**

**6** **Swinging Bridge**

**5** **Gold Mine Road**

**4** **Santeetlah Pipeline** **Powerline**

**3** **Cochran Creek**

**2** **Gladdens Creek Falls**

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**Santeetlah Dam** **Lake Santeetlah**

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