



CALLING ALL DOG OWNERS in the Chattahoochee River Watershed...

Water quality in the Chattahoochee River, including in Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, is being impacted by dog waste that is not picked up and disposed of properly.

About **3.5 million people** visit the national recreation area each year for water- and land-based recreation.



Why does it matter?

Dog waste left on the ground is washed into the river by rain running off the land. People can come into contact with the contaminated water while swimming or fishing, etc., and may be exposed to a variety of **pathogens that cause illness**. Contaminated water can also increase nutrient levels, leading to **toxic algal blooms**.



What can YOU do?

Learn more about how to keep our waters and lands clean, and **pick up** and **properly dispose** of your dog's waste.

What is Chattahoochee River NRA doing to help?

Recreation area staff and partners have placed dog waste stations, which include waste bags and waste cans, throughout the park.



Many environmental problems are difficult to solve, but this one is literally within our reach!