Determinations

Many factors guide whether DNR believes a stream is open to public access:

- Current state and federal law
- Court cases
- Georgia Attorney General opinions
- Research on traditional use
- Past state and federal legislative documents
- Historical documents
- Stream characteristics
 - Examples stream width, cubic feet per second (cfs)
- Rivers defined for federal Section 10 regulatory purposes are open for public use.
- Streams with state-owned boat ramps are open for public use.