

The Duck River: A Paddlers Perspective

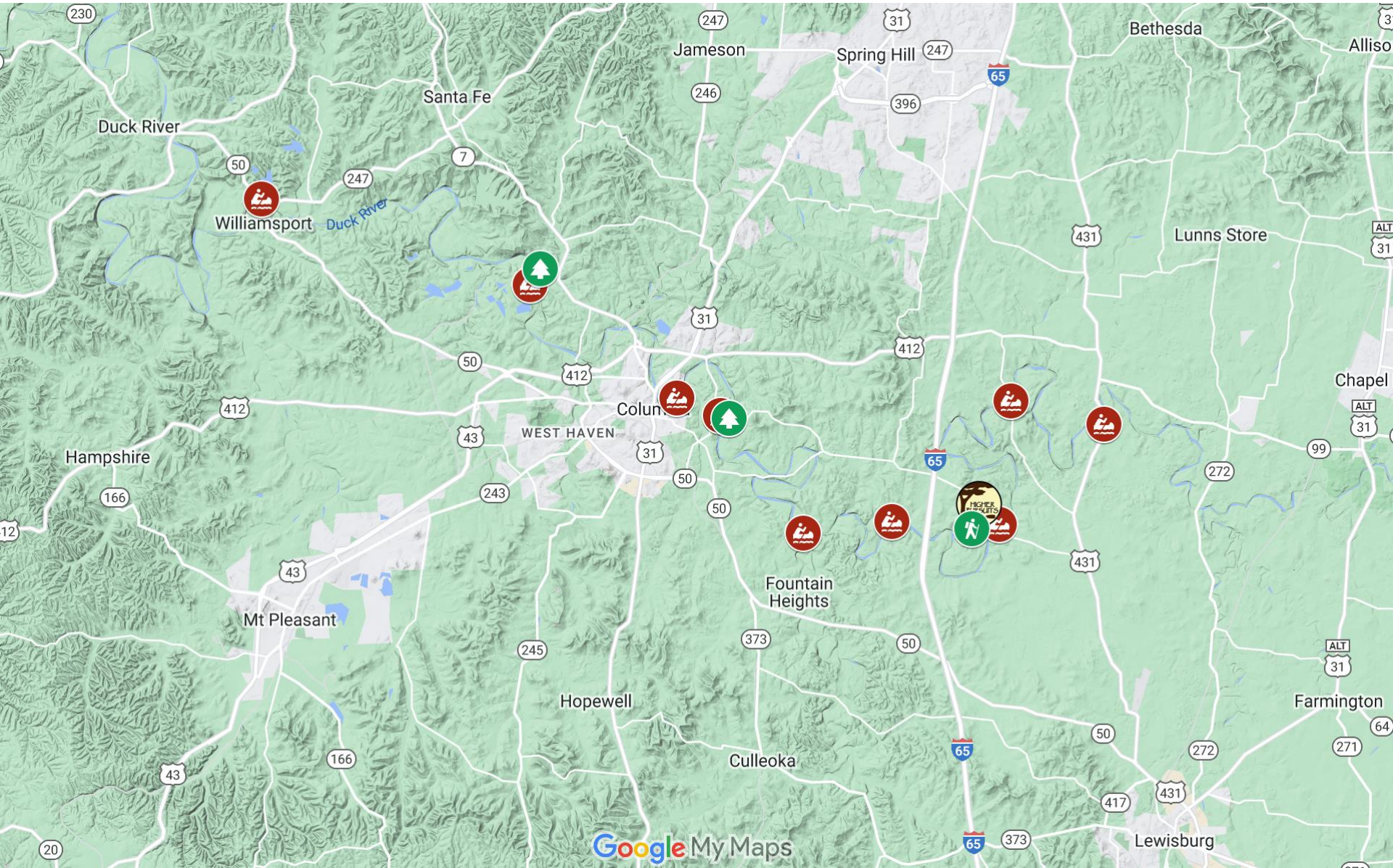


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Maury County
Gravel Bar on
Cheeks Bend Route

Why are paddlers drawn
to the Duck River?

Plentiful Access Points





Bulls Bluff
Carpenter Bridge section



Gravel Bar
Cheeks Bend section

A scenic view of a river in downtown Columbia, South Carolina. The river is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the sky. On the left bank, there is a dense forest of tall trees. On the right bank, there is a line of trees and some fallen logs. In the distance, a white domed building, likely the South Carolina State House, is visible through the trees. The sky is clear and blue.

View of the Courthouse
Downtown Columbia section



Sunny Day on the Duck
Cheeks Bend section



Training for the Chattajack Race
Iron Bridge section



4th Graders Exploring
Cheeks Bend section

The Duck River is the most biologically diverse river in North America

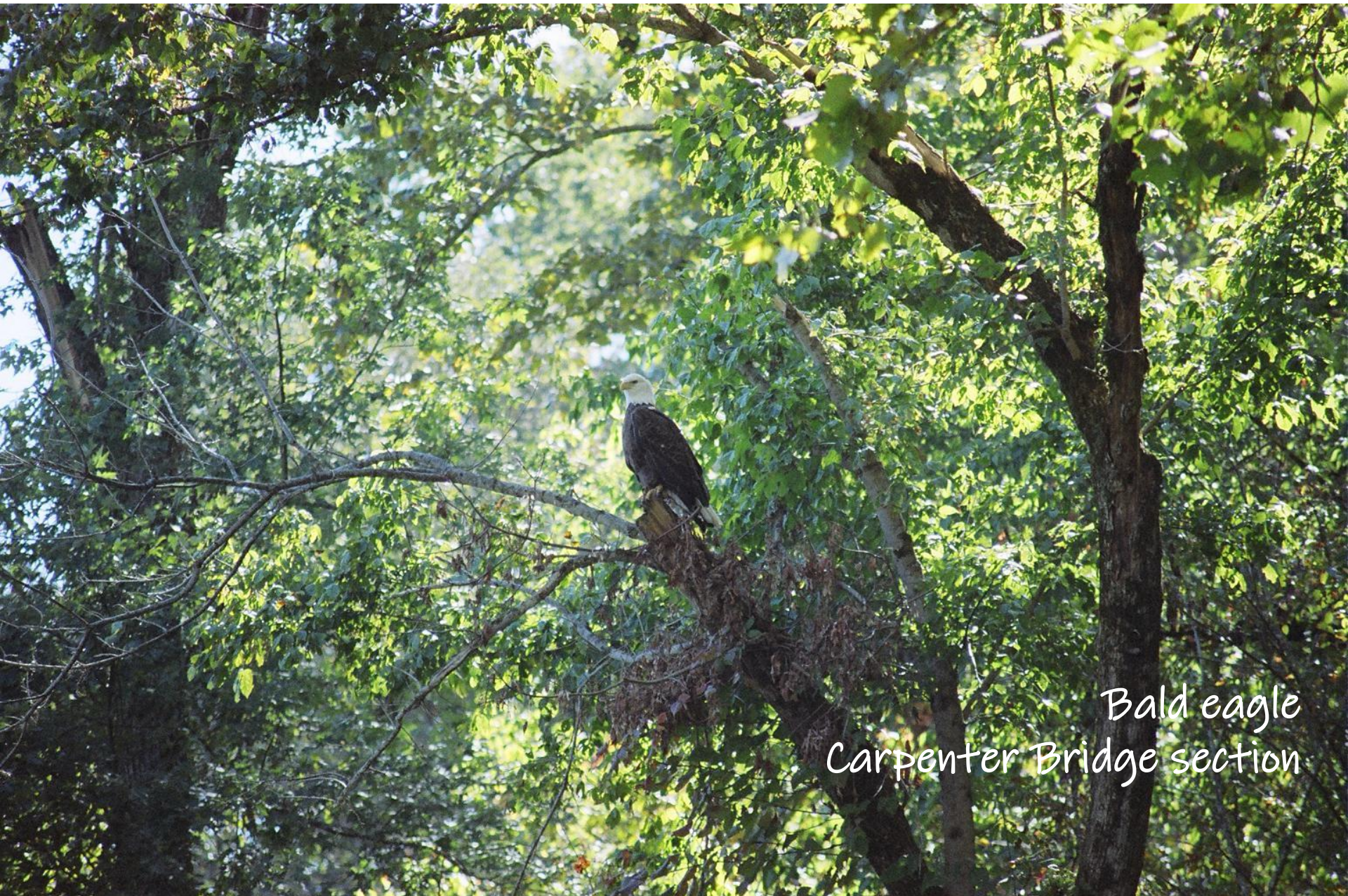
Paddlers enjoy seeing plentiful and diverse wildlife



Great Blue Heron
Carpenter Bridge section



Duck River Darter Snapper
Cheeks Bend section



Bald eagle
Carpenter Bridge section



Barred Owl
Carpenter Bridge section



Fawn
Cheeks Bend section

Old Mill Site
Sowell Ford section



A photograph of a rocky bluff, likely made of limestone, with a large, dark cave entrance visible. The bluff is surrounded by trees, some of which are bare and some have green leaves. The sky is blue. The text "Buzzards Bluff (cheeks bend caves)" and "Cheeks Bend section" is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

Buzzards Bluff (cheeks bend caves)
Cheeks Bend section



Drone shot
Cheeks Bend section

Padding is a sport that can be
enjoyed across generations



**Dawn's Nephew in 2004
Learning to Kayak**



**Dawn's Nephew in 2023
Paddling with his son**



**Jan's Niece at age 8
First time in a kayak**



**Jan's Niece 14 years later
Paddling on a multi-day trip
Suwannee River, FL**



4th Graders Learning about Mussels
Near Howard's Bridge

Family Paddling Trip
Cheeks Bend Section





*Duck River Agency Paddle
Cheeks Bend section of the Duck River*

These access points allow nonprofit groups, churches, youth group, scouts and others enjoy the river and grow to love and appreciate its beauty.

Paddlers are invested and
involved with protecting the river

Annual River Clean up 2022
Downtown Columbia





Tons of trash and tires removed each year
from the same section of river
Downtown Columbia





Challenge, Education, Adventure

Higher Pursuits Kayak and Canoe Rental Visitor Analysis (2022-2023)

Bringing Recreational Tourism Dollars and jobs to Maury County

Located in Maury County
near Columbia, TN
3114 Cheeks Bend Rd
Columbia, TN 38401

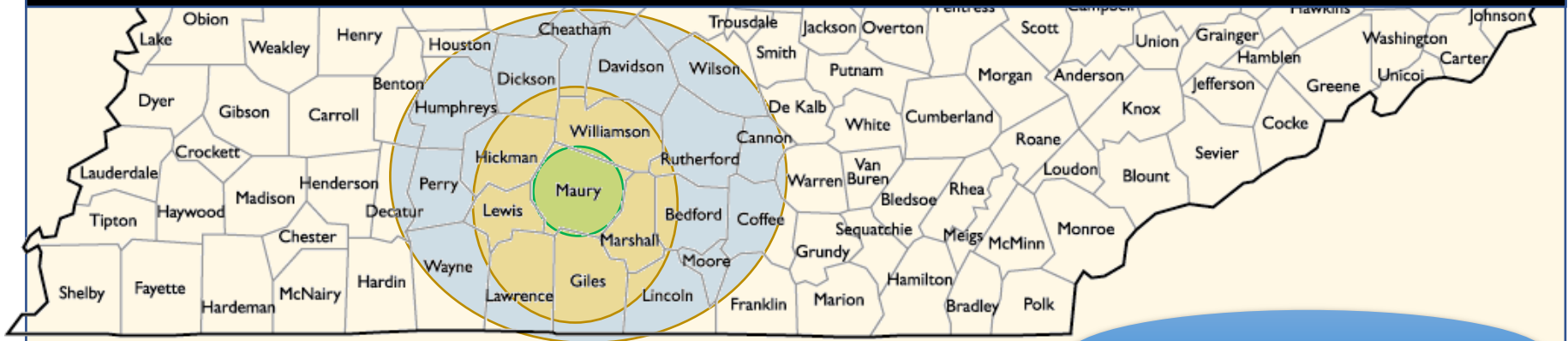
*Approximately 83% of our customers were visitors to Maury County.
10% were visitors from another state or
had traveled more than 3 hours to paddle with us.*

Zone 1: Maury County Only
17% of Sales

Zone 2: 30 Min – 1 hr Drive
35% of Sales

Zone 3: 1 to 1.5 hr drive
31% of Sales

Zone 4: 3+ hr Drive or
Out of State Tourists
10% of Sales



25+ Part-time jobs

Recreational Tourism contributes to our local economy

- Our out-of-state visitors represented 30 different states and two countries
- These customers bring valuable tourism dollars to Maury County
- They not only rent kayaks/canoes but also eat out, shop and other visit other tourist locations in our region.

Questions