

Darnell Mill on Warwoman Creek Near Clayton



This little mill (on its last legs) rests on the banks of Warwoman Creek east of Clayton. It has been Captain Beck's Mill, Dixie Wilbanks Mill, and, in the early 1980's, Darnell's Mill. It's been washed away and it's been rebuilt. It's been a saw mill. It has been a grist mill. It is included here because it may be a photographer's last chance to make a photo of vanishing America. There is a beautiful, serene sadness here.

The black and white photo (courtesy Rabun County Historical Society) shows the mill when it was still viable.

You'll want to climb down the bank opposite the mill to get this shot. And don't miss the pretty little rapids just upstream from this spot.

Directions: Take Warwoman Road 6.0 miles to a point where Tom Bleckley Lane veers to the right. Take it and immediately turn right on Sandy Ford Road (also John Houck Rd.). In a little less than a mile make a left onto Sandy Ford Road. Cross the bridge and park. The mill is less than one hundred yards up stream.



GPS: 34°52'60" N 83°18'9" W