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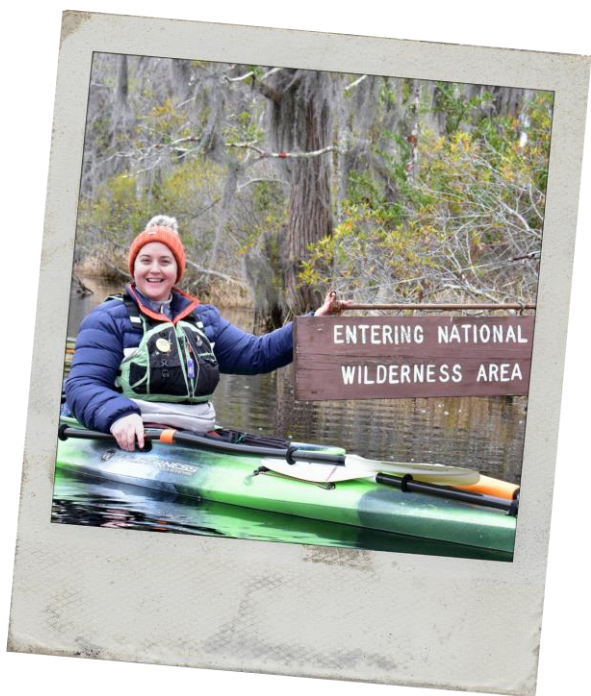
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Above: Always a favorite spot to snap a pic! Entrance to the *National Wilderness Area* on the Orange Trail, 1.5 miles beyond the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area.

Front cover: Kayak camping at Cedar Hammock. Note: Drones are NOT permitted in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. The author obtained permission from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to publish low aerial images for the purpose of this publication.

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*Group of kayakers on a multi-day Okefenokee camping adventure! Pink Trail.*

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(in alphabetical order)

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# INTRODUCTION

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## ABOUT this GUIDEBOOK & Your Trip

If you're looking for information on the history of the Okefenokee, or a deep dive into the regional flora and fauna, look elsewhere. Let's face it, while that type of information has its place, when you're on the water in a strange, far-from-home wilderness, you want to know where to paddle, how long it should take, what to expect along the way, and where to pitch your tent or hammock for the night. This is what you'll get with this book. What follows is intentionally concise, written by an experienced paddle-camper for other paddle-campers.

Although you don't have to be an expert, tenured paddle-camper to venture into the Okefenokee, it should not be your first trip of this type, and you must do your homework. A backcountry wilderness trip requires study and preparation, reading guidebooks, pouring over maps, talking to Refuge staff, watching videos and checking weather reports. **Bottom line - be prepared. Be overprepared.** You should always assume you're not going to have cell phone service, and no one is coming to save you - at least not right away!

## SAFETY CONCERNS in the Okefenokee

Primary safety concerns are the same as any other type of outdoor activity:

- Bring more drinking and cooking water than you think you'll need. Due to heavy sediments and high tannic acid, filtering/purifying Okefenokee swamp water is not recommended.
- Have ample protection from sun exposure - sunblock, long sleeve shirt, long pants and wide brim hat.
- Biting insects can be formidable, even in cooler months.
- Share your put-in/take-out location, paddling route, launch and return times with family and friends.
- It's always a good idea to bring a buddy along with you. Share your awesome Okefenokee experience with someone else.
- Do your homework on the route, conditions and where you're camping. Know how to use and practice with your gear.
- Be prepared for long, arduous days of paddling and sitting in your kayak/canoe. Once you get on the water, there are not many places to get out, stretch your legs or use the bathroom.

# INTRODUCTION

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## Alligators

Without fail, alligators are the number one concern asked about when discussing Okefenokee with newcomers. Let's get one thing out of the way: you will see alligators. There are lots of them. However, after thousands of miles paddled in the deep Southeast and the Okefenokee, I can assure you that alligators are not a concern.

Here's the best advice I can give you: just don't make a big deal about alligators. They don't want anything to do with you. Use common sense. Treat alligators with the upmost respect. Never feed an alligator, or any wildlife! Never approach them on purpose, and just paddle on by, giving them the widest berth possible. You will be fine.

## PFD's or "Life Jackets," and Whistles

Georgia law states each person must have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD or "life jacket") in the kayak or canoe. Children under 13 are required to wear their PFD when in a kayak or canoe. It's recommended that everyone always wears a PFD when paddling. In addition, it's recommended that each person have an emergency whistle attached to their PFD.

## Water Levels & Currents

Rising water levels and extreme low waters can be a concern for some Okefenokee trails; low waters - especially on the east/northeast side of the Refuge in colder months. The Refuge authorities will close waterways at times and/or advise about water level concerns. Be sure to ask about this when making camping reservations and call a few days before your trip to check water levels.

The water is moving and there are slight currents in the Okefenokee. Although it is not usually too much of an issue, depending on water levels and recent storms, currents can be challenging on some narrow trails. Know your paddling limits and study the trail descriptions on pages 21 - 41.

# CAMPING PERMITS

There are nine backcountry, waterway-camping locations in the Okefenokee. Seven of these are on platforms built over the water and two are on islands / land. Camping permits can be made for anywhere from one to four nights. One and two night permits are only available during peak season, which is March 1 - April 30.

**To Make a RESERVATION:** Call **912-496-3331** between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday EST, excluding federal holidays. Reservations can be made 2 months in advance and can only be made by phone. Fees are charged for camping.

Before calling for a camping permit, you must set up a profile in **Recreation.gov**. Only one party is allowed to camp at a site for a night, and permits are limited to 20 people. Only canoes and/or kayaks are authorized on overnight wilderness camping trips; no motors of any type are allowed. Pets and swimming are prohibited. Leave no trace; pack it in, pack it out.

Open fires are permitted only at Canal Run, Mixons Hammock and Floyds Island. Fire rings are provided at these sites.

Camping rules and permit fees are subject to change. Review camping information on this webpage before you call the Refuge:

[fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/visit-us/activities/camping](https://fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/visit-us/activities/camping)



*Kayak camping at Monkey Lake.*

# DISTANCES

## Distances Between Campsites, Boat Ramps

Paddling distances are accurate within +/- 0.75 mile. See color Refuge map on pages 12 - 13.

### Suwannee Canal Recreation Area (SCRA) boat ramp to:

	miles
Cedar Hammock .....	3
Monkey Lake .....	8
Canal Run .....	10
Floyds Island .....	13*
Round Top .....	12*
SFSP .....	17 (not recommended in 1 day)

### Stephen C. Foster State Park (SFSP) boat ramp to:

	miles
Mixons Hammock .....	2
Big Water .....	11*
Canal Run .....	7* (strong currents this direction)
Floyds Island .....	9
Billys Island (hiking, picnic) .....	2
Minnies Lake .....	4
Round Top .....	11
SCRA .....	17 (not recommended in 1 day)

### Kingfisher Landing (KF) boat ramp to:

	miles
Bluff Lake .....	8
Maul Hammock .....	12*

### Big Water CAMPING to:

	miles
Stephen C. Foster State Park .....	11
Maul Hammock .....	9
Floyds Island .....	8
Mixons Hammock .....	13*

### Bluff Lake CAMPING to:

	miles
Kingfisher Landing .....	8



# DISTANCES

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	<u>miles</u>
Floyds Island .....	9
Round Top .....	12*
Canal Run .....	11

## Canal Run CAMPING to:

	<u>miles</u>
Stephen C. Foster S.P. ....	7
Suwannee Canal R.A. ....	10
Round Top .....	3 or 6
Floyds Island .....	5
Cedar Hammock .....	9
Monkey Lake .....	13*
Bluff Lake .....	11
Mixons Hammock .....	9

## Cedar Hammock CAMPING to:

	<u>miles</u>
Suwannee Canal R.A. ....	3
Monkey Lake .....	7
Canal Run .....	9
Round Top .....	11
Floyds Island .....	13*

## Floyds Island CAMPING to:

	<u>miles</u>
Suwannee Canal R.A. ....	13*
Stephen C. Foster S.P. ....	9
Canal Run .....	5
Round Top .....	6
Big Water .....	8
Bluff Lake .....	9
Cedar Hammock .....	13*
Mixons Hammock .....	11

## Maul Hammock CAMPING to:

	<u>miles</u>
Kingfisher Landing .....	12*
Big Water .....	9

# DISTANCES

## Mixons Hammock CAMPING to:

	<u>miles</u>
Stephen C. Foster S.P. ....	2
Big Water .....	13*
Canal Run .....	9
Floyds Island .....	11

## Monkey Lake CAMPING to:

	<u>miles</u>
Suwannee Canal R.A. ....	8
Cedar Hammock .....	7
Canal Run .....	13*
Round Top .....	15*

## Round Top CAMPING to:

	<u>miles</u>
Suwannee Canal R.A. ....	12*
Cedar Hammock .....	11
Floyds Island .....	6
Canal Run .....	3 or 6
Bluff Lake .....	12*
Stephen C. Foster S.P. ....	11
Monkey Lake .....	15*

**\*Only recommended for the strongest paddlers due to distance and/or water currents. Always start your paddling day early!**

## **Driving Distances Between Boat Ramps**

See Refuge map on pages 12 - 13.

SCRA: Suwannee Canal Recreation Area

SFSP: Stephen C. Foster State Park

KF: Kingfisher Landing

SCRA ↔ SFSP: 73 miles; 1 hr., 15 minutes

SCRA ↔ KF: 25 miles; 30 minutes

SFSP ↔ KF: 90 miles; 1 hr., 30 minutes

## Overnight Camping Itineraries

The routes below are the most popular and do not represent a comprehensive list of the camping options available. Many trips can be done in reverse or exiting from a different part of the Refuge. Use these itineraries as a starting point, study the color map on pages 12-13, and be aware of your group's limitations. Trips longer than two nights are not available during the peak season of March 1 - April 30. Paddling distances are accurate within +/- 0.75 mile.

SCRA: Suwannee Canal Recreation Area

SFSP: Stephen C. Foster State Park

KF: Kingfisher Landing

### ONE NIGHT TRIPS

<u>Enter</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Camp</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Exit</u>
SCRA	10	Canal Run	10	SCRA
SFSP	7	Canal Run	7	SFSP
SCRA	12	Round Top	12	SCRA
SCRA	8	Monkey Lake	8	SCRA
SCRA	13	Floyds Island	13	SCRA
SFSP	9	Floyds Island	9	SFSP
SCRA	3	Cedar Hammock	3	SCRA
SFSP	11	Big Water	11	SFSP
SFSP	2	Mixons Hammock	2	SFSP
KF	8	Bluff Lake	8	KF
KF	12	Maul Hammock	12	KF

### TWO NIGHT TRIPS

<u>Enter</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Camp 1</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Camp 2</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Exit</u>
SCRA	12	Round Top	6 or 3	Canal Run	10	SCRA
SCRA	12	Round Top	6 or 3	Canal Run	7	SFSP
SCRA	12	Round Top	11	Cedar Hmck	3	SCRA
SFSP	9	Floyds Island	5	Canal Run	10	SCRA
SCRA	13	Floyds Island	5	Canal Run	7	SFSP
SCRA	8	Monkey Lake	7	Cedar Hmck	3	SCRA
SFSP	2	Mixons Hmck	9	Canal Run	10	SCRA
SFSP	2	Mixons Hmck	9	Canal Run	7	SFSP
SFSP	9	Floyds Island	6	Round Top	12	SCRA
SCRA	13	Floyds Island	6	Round Top	12	SCRA
SFSP	2	Mixons Hmck	11	Floyds Island	9	SFSP
SFSP	2	Mixons Hmck	11	Floyds Island	13	SCRA
KF	12	Maul Hmck	9	Big Water	11	SFSP
KF	8	Bluff Lake	12	Round Top	12	SCRA

#### CAMPING PERMITS

call 912-496-3331

Tues.-Thurs., 7 a.m.-10 a.m. EST

## Overnight Camping Itineraries

SCRA: Suwannee Canal Recreation Area

SFSP: Stephen C. Foster State Park

KF: Kingfisher Landing

### THREE NIGHT TRIPS\*\*

<u>Enter</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Camp 1</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Camp 2</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Camp 3</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Exit</u>
SCRA	3	Cdr Hmck	11	Round Top	6 or 3	Canal Run	10	SCRA
SCRA	8	Mnky Lake	13	Canal Run	9	Cdr Hmck	3	SCRA
SCRA	8	Mnky Lake	13	Canal Run	6 or 3	Round Top	12	SCRA
SCRA	12	Round Top	11	Cdr Hmck	7	Mnky Lake	8	SCRA
SCRA	12	Round Top	6 or 3	Canal Run	9	Cdr Hmck	3	SCRA
SCRA	10	Canal Run	6 or 3	Round Top	6	Floyds Islnd	13	SCRA
SFSP	7	Canal Run	6 or 3	Round Top	6	Floyds Islnd	9	SFSP
SFSP	9	Floyds Islnd	8	Big Water	13	Mix Hmck	2	SFSP
KF	12	Maul Hmck	9	Big Water	8	Floyds Islnd	13	SCRA
KF	8	Bluff Lake	12	Round Top	11	Cdr Hmck	3	SCRA

**\*\*3 and 4 night trips not available during peak season of March 1 - April 30.**

Four night trips can be expedition level, require a lot of planning, and should only be attempted by the most tenured paddle-campers. Contact the Refuge and/or its website for more information on these longer itineraries:

[fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/visit-us/activities/camping](http://fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/visit-us/activities/camping)

## Day Paddling Itineraries

SCRA: Suwannee Canal Recreation Area

SFSP: Stephen C. Foster State Park

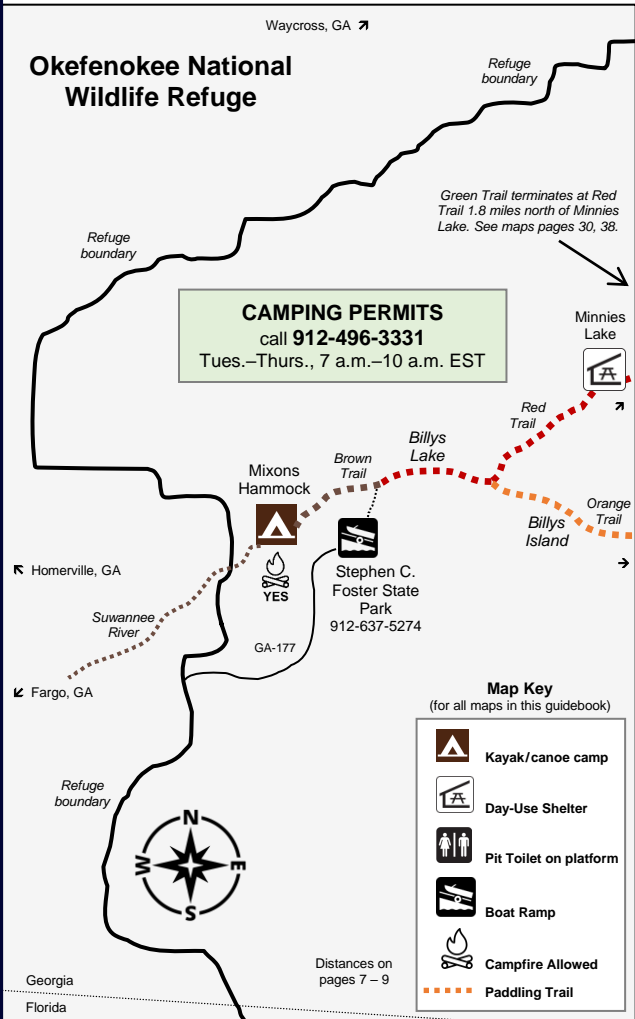
KF: Kingfisher Landing

The Refuge is best visited on overnight paddle camping trips, however, you can day paddle 2 - 10 miles from the boat ramps to experience a variety of the swamp. The distances below are roundtrip.

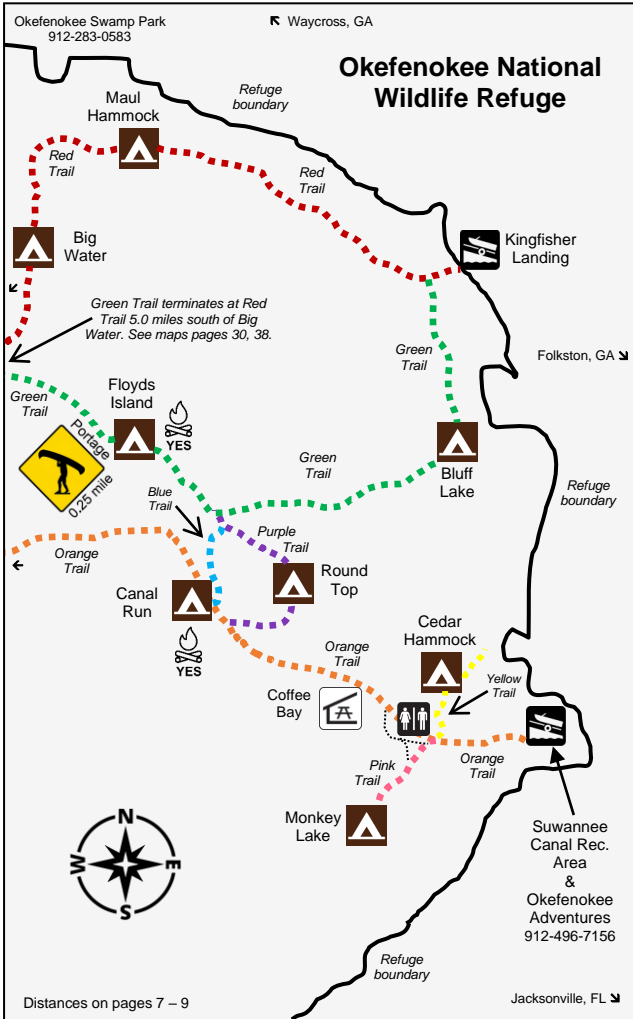
<u>Enter</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Destination</u>
SCRA	2 - 8	Paddle the beautiful Suwannee Canal (pgs. 16, 28).
SCRA	4 - 8	Paddle to the Yellow or Pink trail, turn on either trail to experience a water prairie/grassland (pgs. 32, 40).
SFSP	4	Billys Island for hiking or a picnic (p. 67).
SFSP	8	Have lunch at Minnies Lake day-use shelter (p. 65).
SFSP	2 - 6	Enjoy open water and photography on Billys Lake (p. 12).
KF	1 - 5	Do some remote fishing where you're not likely to see anyone else (p. 18).

# WEST Side

## Okfenokee Paddle Trail & Camp Map



Map above is not to scale and is for illustrative purposes only. Individual trail maps and descriptions are on pages 21 - 41. Additional camping information can be found at: [fws.gov/refuge/okfenokee/visit-us/activities/camping](http://fws.gov/refuge/okfenokee/visit-us/activities/camping).



Map above is not to scale and is for illustrative purposes only. Individual trail maps and descriptions are on pages 21 - 41. For more information on the Floyd's Island portage, see pages 26 - 27 and 52 - 53.

Like this book? See it in full color.  
There's a companion website!

[www.PaddleOkefenokee.com](http://www.PaddleOkefenokee.com)



*Top and middle left: kayaking Pink Trail. Top right: Round Top camping. Bottom: kayaking the Orange Trail/Suwannee Canal.*

# Okefenokee NWR



[www.PaddleOkefenokee.com](http://www.PaddleOkefenokee.com)

*Rental canoes at the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area.*





## Suwannee Canal Recreation Area

SCRA



*A fun place to snap a pic! Beginning of the Suwannee Canal at the SCRA.*

<b>General Location</b>	East side of the Refuge. See map on page 13.
<b>Address</b>	4159 Suwannee Canal Road, Folkston, GA 31537.
<b>GPS Coordinates for Boat Ramp</b>	30°44'17.5"N, 82°08'27.9"W or 30.738197, -82.141092
<b>Close-by Towns with Services</b>	Folkston, GA - 10 miles; 15 minutes Waycross, GA - 45 miles; 50 minutes Kingsland, GA - 30 miles; 40 minutes Jacksonville, FL - 50 miles; 1 hour
<b>Notes</b>	Abbreviated "SCRA." Okefenokee Adventures is located here. They are a partner with the Refuge's Visitor Services, provide tours, canoe rentals, and manage the backcountry camping reservations/permits. There's a gift shop, supplies, small restaurant and restrooms. Must sign in/out at boat ramp. <b>Okefenokee Adventures 912-496-7156.</b>



*Launching from Stephen C. Foster State Park.*

- General Location** West side of the Refuge.  
See map on page 12.
- Address** 17515 GA-177, Fargo, GA 31631.
- GPS Coordinates for Boat Ramp** 30°49'36.2"N, 82°21'41.6"W or 30.826731, -82.361551
- Close-by Towns with Services** Homerville, GA - 45 miles; 50 minutes  
Waycross, GA - 72 miles; 1 hour, 15 minutes  
Jacksonville, FL - 90 miles; 1 hour, 30 minutes  
Fargo, GA - 19 miles; 25 minutes.
- Notes** Abbreviated "SFSP." Paddling access to the Refuge at the end of Stephen C. Foster State Park's road. Has a gift shop, limited supplies, canoe rentals and restrooms. Campground and cottage rentals. Must sign in/out at boat ramp.
- Stephen C. Foster State Park 912-637-5274.**



*Great signage at the entrance to Kingfisher Landing.*

<b>General Location</b>	Northeast side of the Refuge. See map on page 13.
<b>Address</b>	at end of Kingfisher Landing Road, Folkston, GA 31537.
<b>GPS Coordinates for Boat Ramp</b>	30°57'17.2"N, 82°08'14.9"W or 30.954774, -82.137460
<b>Close-by Towns with Services</b>	Folkston, GA - 13 miles; 20 minutes Waycross, GA - 24 miles; 30 minutes Kingsland, GA - 32 miles; 40 minutes Jacksonville, FL - 55 miles; 1 hour, 10 minutes
<b>Notes</b>	Abbreviated "KF." No services or visitor center located here. There is a pit/vault toilet here. Provides access to Bluff Lake camping (8 mile paddle) and Maul Hammock camping (a long 12 mile paddle). Must sign in/out at boat ramp.  <b>Okefenokee Swamp Park</b> is 25 minutes away from here: <b>912-283-0583</b> .



## Suwannee Canal Recreation Area (SCRA) to:

Cedar Hammock - route map p. 41, campsite information p. 50

1. From the boat ramp, paddle 1.9 miles west on the Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal.
2. Turn right on the Yellow Trail.<sup>1</sup>
3. Paddle 0.9 mile further on the Yellow Trail and arrive at Cedar Hammock.<sup>14</sup>

Superscript Numbers at end of sentence: GPS info. on pp. 90 – 91

Monkey Lake - route map p. 33, campsite information p. 58

1. From the boat ramp, paddle 1.9 miles west on the Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal to signage / split in trail. Bear left.<sup>2</sup>
2. Continue another 1,000 ft. and turn left on Pink Trail.<sup>3</sup>
3. Paddle 5.2 miles further on the Pink Trail and arrive at Monkey Lake.<sup>4</sup>

Round Top - route map p. 35, campsite information p. 60

1. From the boat ramp, paddle 1.9 miles west on the Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal to signage / split in trail. Bear right.<sup>2</sup>
2. Pass by Coffee Bay Day-Use Shelter in 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
3. Continue 3.3 miles. Turn right on the Purple Trail.<sup>7</sup>
4. Paddle 2.4 miles further and arrive at Round Top.<sup>8</sup>

Canal Run - route map p. 30, campsite information p. 48

1. From the boat ramp, paddle 1.9 miles west on the Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal to signage / split in trail. Bear right.<sup>2</sup>
2. Pass by Coffee Bay Day-Use Shelter in 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
3. Continue 4.2 miles further and arrive at Canal Run on the left.<sup>6</sup>

Floyds Island - route maps pp. 27, 30, campsite information p. 52

1. From the boat ramp, paddle 1.9 miles west on the Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal to signage / split in trail. Bear right.<sup>2</sup>
2. Pass by Coffee Bay Day-Use Shelter in 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
3. Continue 4.1 miles. Bear right on the Blue Trail.<sup>9</sup>
4. After 0.4 mile (2,000 ft.), bear right to continue the Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
5. Blue Trail intersects with Purple Trail in 1.4 miles. Continue straight.<sup>11</sup>
6. Intersection with Green Trail is 0.8 mile further. Continue straight.<sup>12</sup>
7. In 1.0 mile further, arrive at Floyds Island EAST access.<sup>13</sup>

## Stephen C. Foster State Park (SFSP) to:

Mixons Hammock - route map p. 25, campsite information p. 56

1. From the boat ramp, paddle north up the canal away from the park.
2. After 2,000 ft., at the end of the canal, turn left on Brown Trail.<sup>17</sup>
3. Paddle 1.5 miles on Brown Trail and arrive at Mixons Hammock on the right.<sup>18</sup>



## Routes: Boat Ramps to Campsites

### **Stephen C. Foster State Park (SFSP) to:**

Floyds Island - route map p. 30, campsite information p. 52

1. From the boat ramp, paddle north up the canal away from park.
2. After 2,000 ft., at the end of the canal, turn right.<sup>17</sup>
3. Paddle the wide, river-like waterway east for 1.1 miles.
4. Turn left on the Red Trail.<sup>22</sup>
5. Pass by Minnies Lake Day-Use Shelter in 2.4 miles further.<sup>21</sup>
6. Continue another 1.8 miles. Turn right on the Green Trail.<sup>19</sup>
7. In 3.1 miles further, arrive at Floyds Island WEST access.<sup>25</sup>

Big Water - route map p. 38, campsite information p. 44

1. From the boat ramp, paddle north up the canal away from park.
2. After 2,000 ft., at the end of the canal, turn right.<sup>17</sup>
3. Paddle the wide, river-like waterway east for 1.1 miles.
4. Turn left on the Red Trail.<sup>22</sup>
5. Pass by Minnies Lake Day-Use Shelter in 2.4 miles further.<sup>21</sup>
6. Continue another 6.8 miles and arrive at Big Water.<sup>20</sup>

Canal Run - route map p. 30, campsite information p. 48

1. From the boat ramp, paddle north up the canal away from park.
2. After 2,000 ft., at the end of the canal, turn right.<sup>17</sup>
3. Paddle the wide, river-like waterway east, passing by Billys Island in 1.75 miles.<sup>16</sup>
4. After passing Billys Island, the trail significantly narrows, with many tight twists and turns.
5. Paddle 5.3 miles further and arrive at Canal Run on the right.<sup>6</sup>

### **Kingfisher Landing (KF) to:**

Bluff Lake - route map p. 27, campsite information p. 46

1. From the boat ramp, paddle southwest on the Red Trail nearly 1.0 mile to the intersection with Green Trail.<sup>26</sup>
2. Turn left on the Green Trail and continue another 7 miles, arrive at Bluff Lake.<sup>15</sup>

Maul Hammock - route map p. 38, campsite information p. 54

1. From the boat ramp, paddle southwest on the Red Trail nearly 1.0 mile to the intersection with Green Trail.<sup>26</sup>
2. Continue straight, heading northwest on the Red Trail.
3. Paddle for another 11 miles and arrive at Maul Hammock.<sup>24</sup>

## Paddling Trails (alphabetical order)

# Okefenokee NWR



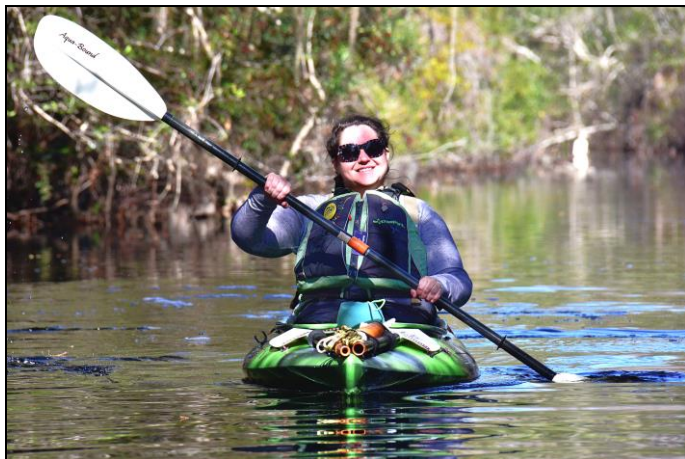
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The eight wilderness paddling trails are color-coded. Numbered mile markers are on each trail and there are posts painted white on top to serve as trail markers. At trail intersections, there's good signage pointing to other trails, campsites and points of interest. In general, the paddling trails are easy to follow. GPS coordinates are provided for all trail intersections. Pictured above: Green Trail, east of Floyds Island.



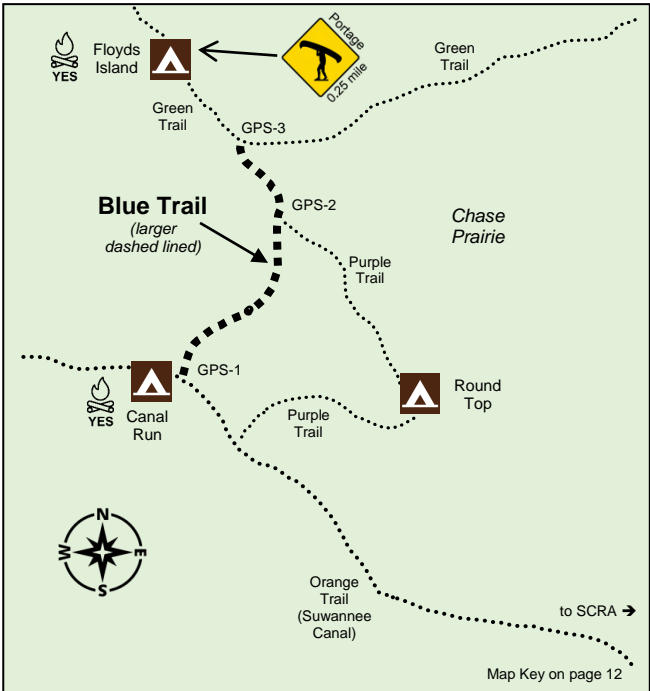
## Blue Trail

Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Heather Totten on the shaded part of the Blue Trail, north of the Suwannee Canal.*

<b>General Location</b>	East-central part of Refuge, skirts the edges of the Chase Prairie. Runs south ↔ north direction.
<b>Connects</b>	Orange Trail with Purple Trail and Green Trail.
<b>Length</b>	2.6 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy.
<b>Features</b>	Prairies, grasslands, trees on west side, great place to see alligators and large wading birds.
<b>Shelters</b>	No shelters on the Blue Trail, however, nearby are Canal Run, Round Top and Floyds Island campsites.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible. Closer to the Orange Trail, there can be a slight current south.
<b>Precautions</b>	You're exposed to the elements after approximately three-quarters of a mile north of the Suwannee Canal.



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- GPS-1: Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal intersection  
30°48'51.0"N, 82°15'02.6"W or 30.814165, -82.250723
- GPS-2: Purple Trail intersection  
30°50'07.4"N, 82°14'50.8"W or 30.835384, -82.247456
- GPS-3: Green Trail intersection  
30°50'43.8"N, 82°15'11.5"W or 30.845498, -82.253180





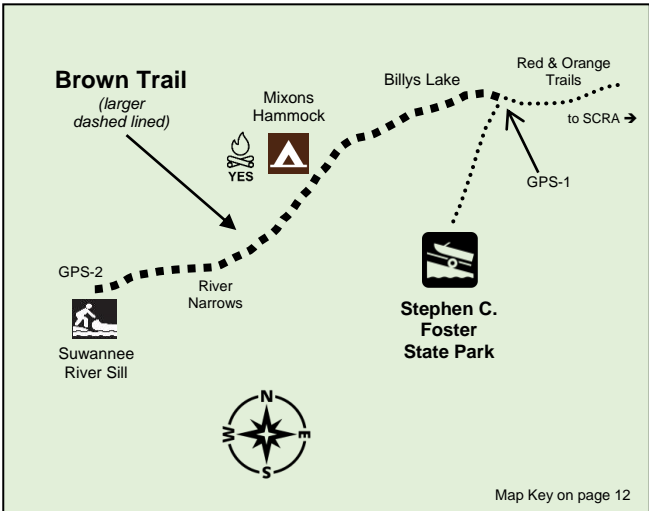
## Brown Trail

Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Author on the Brown Trail, heading for a night at Mixons Hammock.*

<b>General Location</b>	West side of Refuge near Stephen C. Foster State Park.
<b>Connects</b>	Billys Lake, SFSP, provides access to Mixons Hammock. Can also reach the Suwannee River Sill through the River Narrows.
<b>Length</b>	5 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy to Mixons Hammock, moderate through the River Narrows.
<b>Features</b>	Wider lake type paddling, mixed cypress trees, bay and gum swamp.
<b>Shelters</b>	Mixons Hammock and easy access to Stephen C. Foster State Park.
<b>Current</b>	Gently flows in southwest direction toward the Suwannee River.
<b>Precautions</b>	Potential for downed trees and other submerged obstacles in the River Narrows section.



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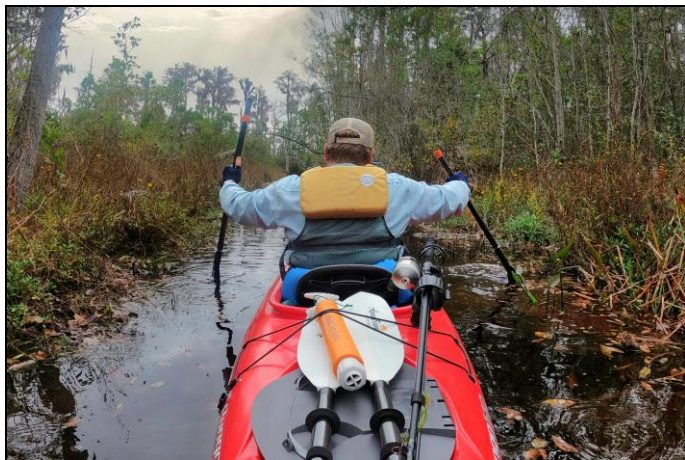
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## Green Trail

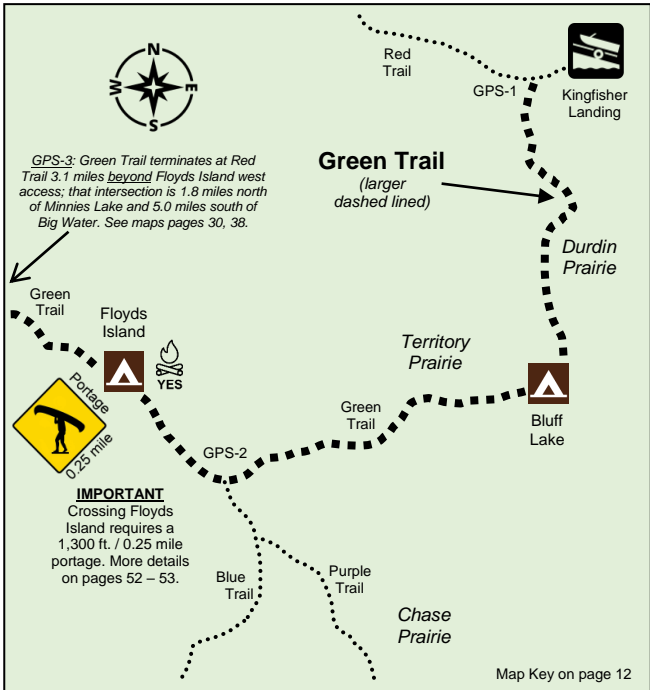
Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Pushing through winter low water levels of the Green Trail, east of Floyds Island.*

<b>General Location</b>	Northeast to middle part of Refuge.
<b>Connects</b>	Red Trail EAST / Kingfisher Landing to Bluff Lake camping, to east of Floyds Island, then a 0.25 mile portage across Floyds Island, then west of Floyds Island to the Red Trail WEST.
<b>Length</b>	Nearly 20 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate to difficult, due to remoteness, length and often lower water levels in winter.
<b>Features</b>	Prairies, grasslands, few trees east of Floyds Island, dense tree/swamp-like cover west of Floyds Island.
<b>Shelters</b>	Bluff Lake camping platform, Floyds Island.
<b>Current</b>	Generally flows southwest.
<b>Precautions</b>	You're exposed to the elements for most of the paddle from Bluff Lake to Floyds Island.

# Green Trail Map



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The Floyd's Island portage is not difficult. A portage cart is provided.

GPS-1: Red Trail intersection - EAST (near Kingfisher Landing)  
30°57'16.1"N 82°09'06.6"W or 30.954472, -82.151833

GPS-2: Blue Trail intersection  
30°50'43.8"N, 82°15'11.5"W or 30.845498, -82.253180

GPS-3: Red Trail intersection - WEST (not shown on map above)  
30°52'31.8"N, 82°18'09.1"W or 30.875492, -82.302518



## Orange Trail

Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Paddling the beautiful Orange Trail, a couple miles beyond the SCRA.*

<b>General Location</b>	It's the long trail that cuts across the Refuge in east ↔ west direction. Includes the Suwannee Canal.
<b>Connects</b>	Suwannee Canal Recreation Area to nearly Stephen C. Foster State Park. Connects to the Yellow, Pink, Blue, Purple, and Red trails.
<b>Length</b>	16 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate to Canal Run, due to distance. Moderate to difficult from Canal Run to Billys Lake.
<b>Features</b>	11 miles of canal, then narrow twists/turns from Canal Run to Billys Island. Lots of tall, eerie, picturesque trees with Spanish moss.
<b>Shelters</b>	5.6 miles from Suwannee Canal Rec. Area is Coffee Bay day-use only shelter. Canal Run camping platform is 10 miles from Suwannee Canal Recreation Area. Can get out at Billys Island to stretch your legs and have lunch.



- Current** Gently flows west towards Stephen C. Foster State Park.
- Precautions** During times of low water levels, the narrow twists/turns between Canal Run and Billys Island can be difficult.

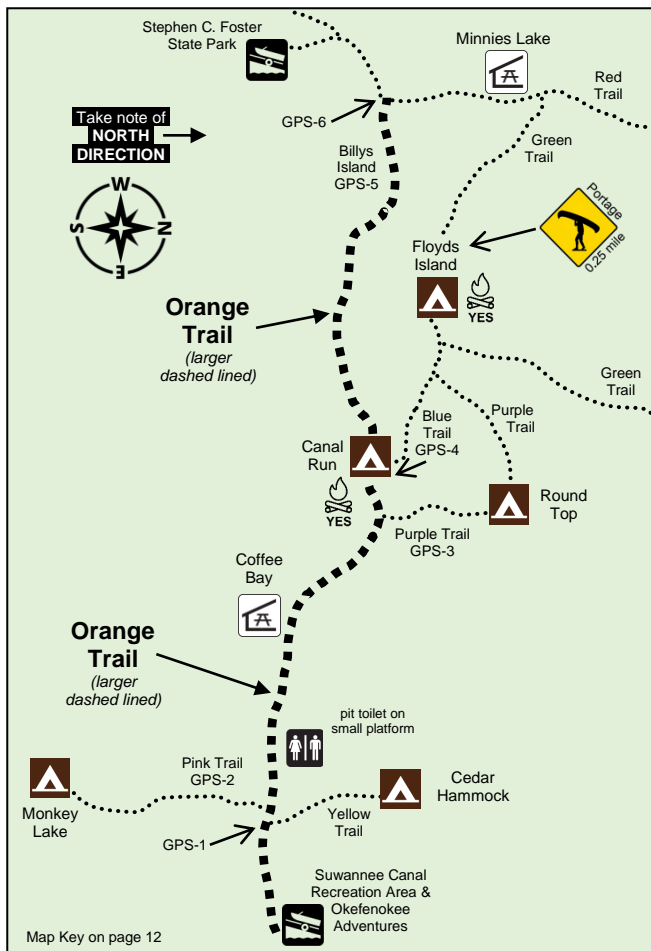


*It's all smiles on the easy-going Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal.*

- GPS-1: Yellow Trail intersection (turn for Cedar Hammock camp)  
30°44'14.8"N, 82°10'14.7"W or 30.737442, -82.170742
- GPS-2: Beginning of Pink Trail (turn for Monkey Lake camp)  
30°44'14.0"N, 82°10'29.3"W or 30.737230, -82.174807
- GPS-3: Purple Trail intersection (turn for Round Top camp)  
30°48'13.8"N, 82°14'50.2"W or 30.803833, -82.247278
- GPS-4: Blue Trail intersection (turn to head towards Floyds Island camp)  
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- GPS-5: Billys Island access (on south side of Orange Trail)  
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- GPS-6: Red Trail intersection  
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# Orange Trail Map

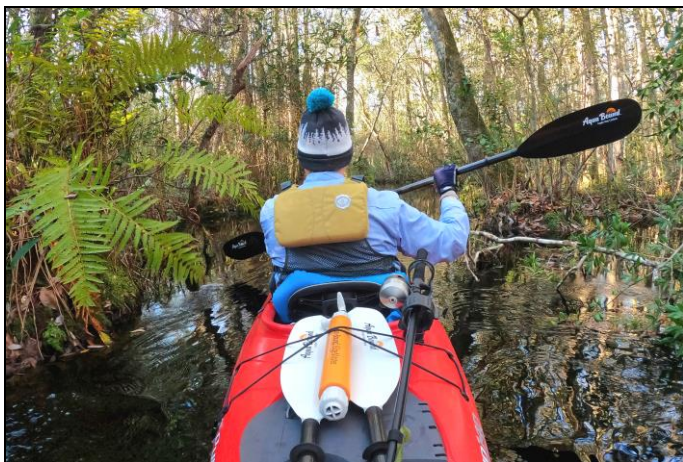


GPS coordinates for trail intersections on previous page.

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*Early morning on the Orange Trail, near the intersection with the Purple Trail.*



*Narrow creek-like waters of Orange Trail between Canal Run and Billys Island.*





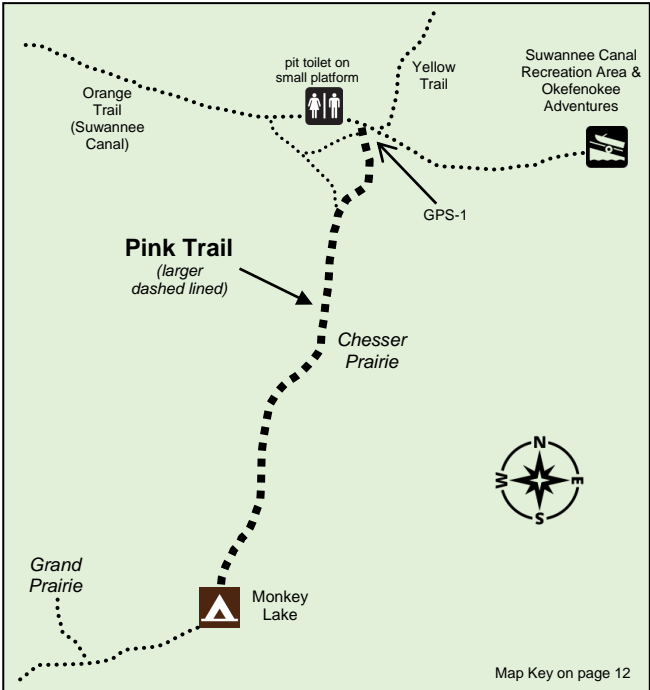
## Pink Trail

Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Canoe campers heading towards Monkey Lake on the Pink Trail.*

<b>General Location</b>	East part of Refuge in Chesser Prairie, begins 2.0 miles from Suwannee Canal Recreation Area.
<b>Connects</b>	Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal with Monkey Lake camping platform.
<b>Length</b>	5 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Moderate.
<b>Features</b>	Iconic open prairies, grasslands, some trees, great place to see alligators and large wading birds.
<b>Shelters</b>	At the end of trail is the Monkey Lake camping platform.
<b>Current</b>	Generally flows towards Suwannee Canal.
<b>Precautions</b>	There is little reprieve from the sun or wind. Due to the length and repetitiveness of the open prairie, it can often seem much longer than 5 miles.



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GPS-1: Beginning of Pink Trail

30°44'14.0"N, 82°10'29.3"W or 30.737230, -82.174807



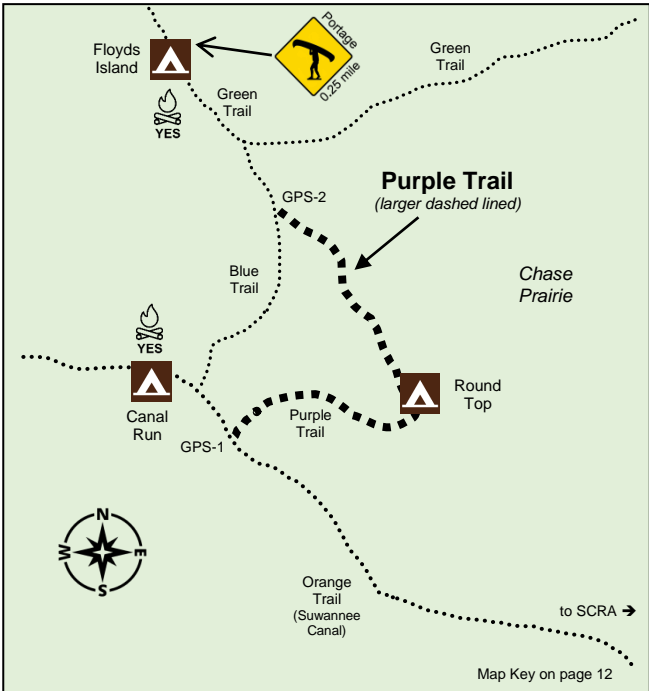
## Purple Trail

Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*The Purple Trail is a great place for bird photography; Ed Deal pictured.*

<b>General Location</b>	East-central part of Refuge, skirts the edges of the Chase Prairie.
<b>Connects</b>	Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal with the Blue Trail and Green Trail, which heads to Floyds Island in northwest direction, and Bluff Lake in northeast direction.
<b>Length</b>	5.4 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy to moderate.
<b>Features</b>	Prairies, grasslands, very few trees, great place to see alligators and large wading birds.
<b>Shelters</b>	Round Top camping platform.
<b>Current</b>	Generally flows northwest, towards Floyds Island direction.
<b>Precautions</b>	You're exposed to the elements on this trail. There is no reprieve from the sun or wind.



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GPS-1: Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal intersection

30°48'13.8"N, 82°14'50.2"W or 30.803833, -82.247278

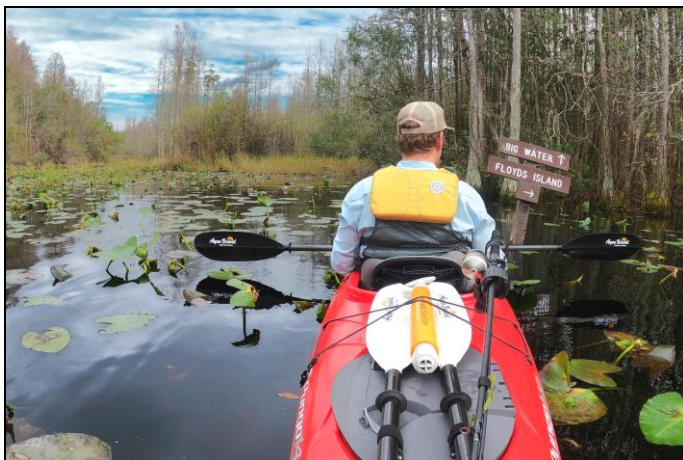
GPS-2: Blue Trail intersection

30°50'07.4"N, 82°14'50.8"W or 30.835384, -82.247456



## Red Trail

Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*On the Red Trail between Minnies Lake and Big Water.*

<b>General Location</b>	Covers the remote north part of the Refuge, Suwannee River watershed, heads southwest to west-central part of the Refuge.
<b>Connects</b>	Begins at Kingfisher Landing, ends at Billys Lake and access to Stephen C. Foster State Park.
<b>Length</b>	32 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Very strenuous. Long days of paddling on this trail.
<b>Features</b>	Just about every type of feature in the Refuge; prairies, grasslands, wide river basin, narrow twisties, gorgeous cypress trees. You'll experience it all on this trail!
<b>Shelters</b>	Maul Hammock, Big Water, Minnies Lake day-use shelter.



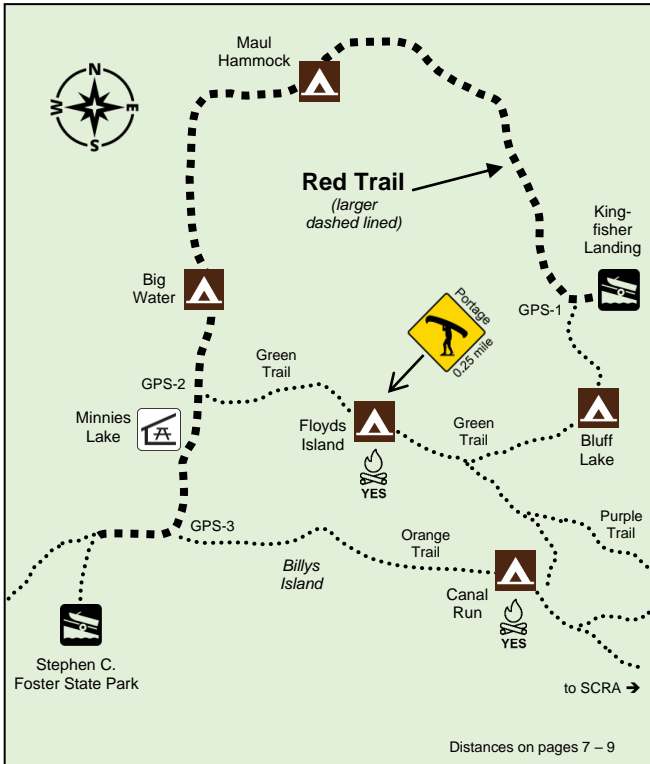
- Current** Generally flows south, in the direction of the Suwannee River.
- Precautions** For experienced paddlers and campers only. Paddling the entire Red Trail requires a minimum of 2 nights / 3 long days. Route: Stephen C. Foster State Park, to Big Water, to Maul Hammock, to Kingfisher Landing.
- Go Big !** Try the ultimate Okefenokee, expedition-level, winter 4 night loop beginning and ending at Kingfisher Landing, by adding the Green Trail. Route: Kingfisher, to Maul Hammock, to Big Water, to Floyds Island, portage across Floyds Island, then on to Bluff Lake, back to Kingfisher. (Note: not allowed during peak season of March 1 - April 30.)



*Interesting cypress "knee" on the Red Trail, paddling north towards Minnies Lake.*



# Red Trail Map



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GPS-1: Green Trail intersection - EAST (near Kingfisher Landing)

30°57'16.1"N 82°09'06.6"W or 30.954472, -82.151833

GPS-2: Green Trail intersection - WEST (1.8 miles north of Minnies Lake)

30°52'31.8"N, 82°18'09.1"W or 30.875492, -82.302518

GPS-3: Orange Trail intersection

30°50'05.5"N, 82°20'35.4"W or 30.834862, -82.343155



*One of the "locals" hanging out on the Red Trail, near Big Water. American Alligator.*



*Wider section of the Red Trail. Big Water camp in lower right of photo.*





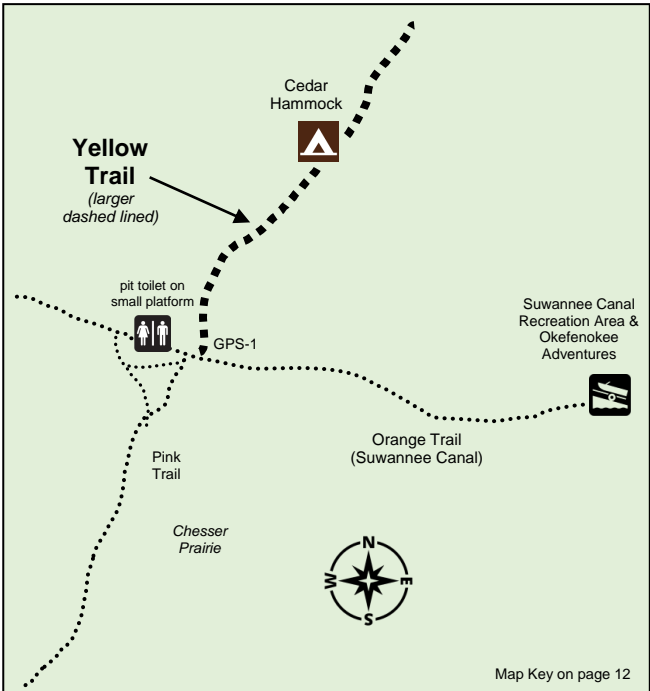
## Yellow Trail

Paddled this Trail      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Kayak angler Harvey Cox on the Yellow Trail, a little north of Cedar Hammock.*

<b>General Location</b>	East part of Refuge, begins 1.9 miles from Suwannee Canal Recreation Area.
<b>Connects</b>	Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal with Cedar Hammock camping platform.
<b>Length</b>	2 miles.
<b>Difficulty</b>	Easy.
<b>Features</b>	Prairies, grasslands, very few trees, you'll probably see large wading birds, and maybe an alligator or two.
<b>Shelters</b>	0.9 mile up the trail is the Cedar Hammock camping platform.
<b>Current</b>	Negligible. Closer to the Orange Trail, there can be a slight current south.
<b>Precautions</b>	You are exposed to the elements on this trail; however, Cedar Hammock is not far away.



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GPS-1: Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal intersection  
30°44'14.8"N, 82°10'14.7"W or 30.737444, -82.170750

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*Top left: Milky Way, photographed from Cedar Hammock.  
Middle left: Great Blue Heron. Top right: kayaking Pink Trail.  
Bottom: family canoeists on Orange Trail/Suwannee Canal.*

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*Kayak and canoe camping on Cedar Hammock.*



## Big Water Camping



Camped Here

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*The author's favorite campsite - Big Water platform on the Red Trail.*

**General Location** North-central part of Refuge. See maps on pages 13, 38. Paddling route on page 20.

**Trail** Red Trail.

**GPS Coordinates for Campsite** 30°56'12.1"N, 82°16'47.1"W or 30.936701, -82.279736

**Type of Camping** Wood platform over water. No dry land.

**Mileage to Other Points of Interest**  
SFSP - 11 miles  
Maul Hammock - 9 miles  
Floyds Island - 8 miles  
Minnies Lake day-use shelter - 6.8 miles  
Mixons Hammock - 13 miles  
Green Trail intersection - 5 miles

Camp-to-camp  
directions  
on p. 89

**Notes** Great views of the waterway. Beautiful paddle with lots of variety when coming from SFSP. Fantastic sunset/sunrise photo opportunities. This campsite takes a lot of effort to get to, is remote, and very much feels that way. Has vault/pit toilet.



*Reaching Big Water after a long day of paddling from Stephen C. Foster State Park.*



*Dusk at the Big Water camping platform. Facing south direction.*



## Bluff Lake Camping



Camped Here

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Canoe campers at Bluff Lake in spring, on the Green Trail. Photo source: Google Maps.*

**General Location**

Northeast part of Refuge. See maps on pages 13, 27. Paddling route on page 20.

**Trail**

Green Trail.

**GPS Coordinates for Campsite**

30°52'41.5"N, 82°09'02.2"W or  
30.878193, -82.150608

**Type of Camping**

Wood platform over water. No dry land.

**Mileage to Other Points of Interest**

Kingfisher Landing - 8 miles  
Floyds Island - 9 miles  
Round Top - 12 miles  
Canal Run - 11 miles

Camp-to-camp  
directions  
on p. 88

**Notes**

If coming from Kingfisher Landing, paddle 400-ft. across Bluff Lake (the actual lake / body of water), and the Bluff Lake shelter is 0.1 mile further southwest. At night, to the southeast, you'll see some faint Folkston, GA lights. Has vault/pit toilet.



*The Bluff Lake camping platform backs up to tall grasslands. Photo source: Google Maps.*



*Sign on the Green Trail, showing the way to Bluff Lake camping.*





## Canal Run Camping

Camped Here      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Canal Run camping platform in late Fall. This campsite backs up land.*

**General Location** Middle-central part of Refuge. See maps on pages 13, 30. Paddling routes on pages 19, 20.

**Trail** Orange Trail.

**GPS Coordinates for Campsite** 30°48'55.6"N, 82°15'10.5"W or 30.815433, -82.252917

**Type of Camping** Wood platform. Half of the platform is over the water, backs up to and has access to land.

**Mileage to Other Points of Interest** SFSP - 7 miles, SCRA - 10 miles  
Round Top - 3 or 6 miles  
Floyds Island - 5 miles  
Cedar Hammock - 9 miles  
Mixons Hammock - 9 miles  
Monkey Lake - 13 miles, Billys Island - 5.3 miles  
Bluff Lake - 11 miles, Coffee Bay - 4.2 miles

Camp-to-camp  
directions  
on p. 86

**Notes**



Located in a narrower part of the Suwannee Canal. Has a fire ring for campfires. Platform wood at this site can be slick when wet, even after morning dew. Has vault/pit toilet.



*There's a fire ring at the Canal Run campsite.*



*Long exposure night photo at Canal Run. West direction.*



## Cedar Hammock Camping

Camped Here      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Cedar Hammock is one of the most accessible camping platforms in the Refuge.*

- General Location** East part of the Refuge. See maps on pages 13, 41. Paddling route on page 19.
- Trail** Yellow Trail.
- GPS Coordinates for Campsite** 30°44'54.1"N, 82°10'23.1"W or 30.748367, -82.173083
- Type of Camping** Platform over water. No dry land.
- Mileage to Other Points of Interest**
- |                                  |
|----------------------------------|
| Camp-to-camp directions on p. 84 |
|----------------------------------|
- Suwannee Canal Recreation Area - 3 miles
  - Monkey Lake - 7 miles
  - Canal Run - 9 miles
  - Round Top - 11 miles
  - Floyds Island - 13 miles
  - Coffee Bay day-use shelter - 4.7 miles
- Notes** Great views of the surrounding prairie. Platform is constructed from plastic modular floating dock. At night, to the northeast, you'll see some faint Folkston, GA lights. Has vault/pit toilet. Best, first platform for newcomers!



*Party of five kayakers and all their camping provisions have plenty of room.*



*The backside of Cedar Hammock, as seen from where the vault/pit toilet is located.*



## Floyds Island Camping

Camped Here      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Old hunting cabin on Floyds Island. There are many options for camping here.*

**General Location**      North of the middle of the Refuge. On an island. See maps on pages 13, 27. Paddling routes on pp. 19, 20.

**Trail**      Green Trail.

**GPS EAST Access**      30°51'22.4"N, 82°15'52.3"W or 30.856217, -82.264533

**GPS WEST Access**      30°51'22.6"N, 82°16'04.4"W or 30.856267, -82.267883

**Lots of Camping Options!**      You can camp in the Floyds Island hunting cabin, on the front porch, or pitch your tent or hammock in front of the cabin. There's no electricity or potable water.

**Mileage to Other Points of Interest**      Stephen C. Foster State Park - 9 miles  
Suwannee Canal Recreation Area - 13 miles

Camp-to-camp  
directions  
on p. 87

Canal Run - 5 miles  
Round Top - 6 miles  
Big Water - 8 miles  
Bluff Lake - 9 miles, Cedar Hammock - 13 miles  
Mixons Hammock - 11 miles, Coffee Bay - 7.6 miles

**Notes**



Camp in the cabin - a unique & enjoyable experience. Crossing the island requires 1,300 ft. / 0.25 mile portage; a portage cart is provided. The portage is not difficult. Has a fire ring for campfires. Note: Vault/pit toilet is on east side near water access.



*Using the provided portage cart. It's a 1,300 ft. / 0.25 mile portage across the island.*



*Raised vault/pit toilet is on the east side of the island near water access.*



## Maul Hammock Camping

Camped Here      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Maul Hammock is the most remote campsite in Okefenokee.* Photo source: Google Maps.

**General Location**      North, remote part of the Refuge. See maps on pages 13, 38. Paddling route on page 20.

**Trail**      Red Trail.

**GPS Coordinates for Campsite**      31°00'58.4"N, 82°15'23.8"W or  
31.016233, -82.256600

**Type of Camping**      Wood platform over water. No dry land.

**Mileage to Other Points of Interest**      Kingfisher Landing - 12 miles  
Big Water - 9 miles

Camp-to-camp  
directions  
on p. 88

**Notes**      For strong paddlers only. The paddle from Kingfisher to Maul Hammock can be a challenge. It's nearly all open prairie and grasslands. This can make the 12 mile haul seem much longer than it already is. There are no rest stops or places to get out and stretch your legs. At night, to the north, you'll see some faint Waycross, GA lights. The campsite has a vault/pit toilet.



*It's a long paddle to Maul Hammock. 12 miles from Kingfisher; 9 miles from Big Water.*



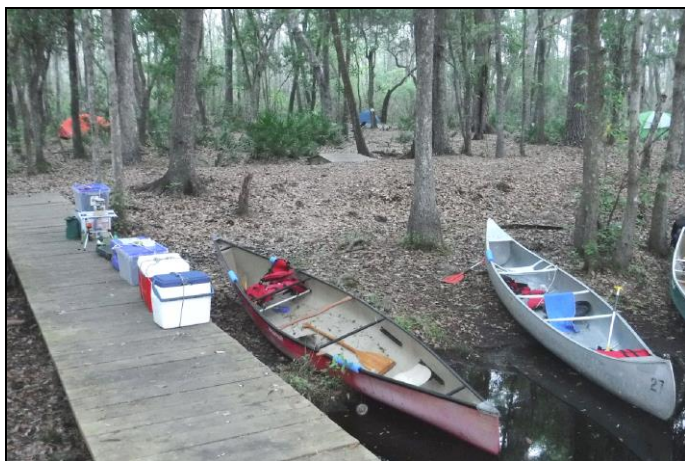
*Sunrise at Maul Hammock in winter.*





## Mixons Hammock Camping

Camped Here      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Access to Mixons Hammock. This is a large camping area. Photo source: Google Maps.

**General Location**      Furthest west campsite in the Refuge. Only 2 miles from Stephen C. Foster SP. See maps on pages 12, 25. Paddling route on page 19.

**Trail**      Brown Trail.

**GPS Coordinates for Campsite**      30°49'26.7"N, 82°22'53.3"W or 30.824083, -82.381467

**Type of Camping**      On island / land. Old railroad bed area.

**Mileage to Other Points of Interest**      Stephen C. Foster State Park - 2 miles  
Big Water - 13 miles  
Canal Run - 9 miles  
Floyds Island - 11 miles  
Billys Island access - 3.2 miles

Camp-to-camp directions on p. 89

**Notes**



There is a lot of room to spread out at Mixons Hammock. Plenty of options for hammock campers. Insects can be a nuisance here in all but the coldest months; bring lots of repellent. Has a fire ring for campfires. Has vault/pit toilet.



*Vault/pit toilet at Mixons Hammock.*



*Signage near SFSP, pointing the way to Mixons Hammock.*



## Monkey Lake Camping

Camped Here      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Camping platform at Monkey Lake. The platform is set back 120 ft. from the water.*

**General Location**      Furthest south campsite; east side of Refuge.  
Maps on pages 13, 33. Paddle route on p. 19.

**Trail**      Pink Trail.

**GPS Coordinates for Campsite**      30°40'28.9"N, 82°12'21.6"W or  
30.674692, -82.206006

**Type of Camping**      Wood platform on land. The land around the platform is mostly "boggy." There's nowhere to explore or walk around beyond the platform.

**Mileage to Other Points of Interest**      Suwannee Canal Recreation Area - 8 miles  
Cedar Hammock - 7 miles  
Canal Run - 13 miles  
Round Top - 15 miles  
Coffee Bay day-use shelter - 9.2 miles

Camp-to-camp  
directions  
on p. 84

**Notes**      Vault/pit toilet is located at water's edge, then it's a 120-ft. boardwalk to the camping area; sits back in the woods. From experience, the animal noises at night here can be loud, extraordinary!



*Vault/pit toilet at Monkey Lake. The camping platform is 120 ft. away from this area.*



*Kayaks lined up at Monkey Lake.*



## Round Top Camping

Camped Here      Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Round Top platform offers impressive 360 degree views of the surrounding prairie.*

- General Location**      East side of the Refuge. See maps on pages 13, 35. Paddle route on page 19.
- Trail**      Purple Trail.
- GPS Coordinates for Campsite**      30°48'13.0"N, 82°13'12.0"W or 30.803607, -82.219992
- Type of Camping**      Wood platform over water. No dry land.
- Mileage to Other Points of Interest**      Suwannee Canal Recreation Area - 12 miles  
Cedar Hammock - 11 miles  
Floyds Island - 6 miles  
Canal Run -3 or 6 miles  
Bluff Lake - 12 miles, Billys Island - 8.6 miles  
Monkey Lake - 15 miles  
Stephen C. Foster State Park - 11 miles  
Coffee Bay day-use shelter - 5.7 miles
- Camp-to-camp directions on p. 85
- Notes**      Known among paddlers and photographers as the absolute best 360-degree views in the Refuge; night sky photography can be amazing here. Has vault/pit toilet.



*The Round Top camping platform sits in the beautiful Chase Prairie.*



*The Milky Way over Round Top platform. Big skies and big views at this campsite.*

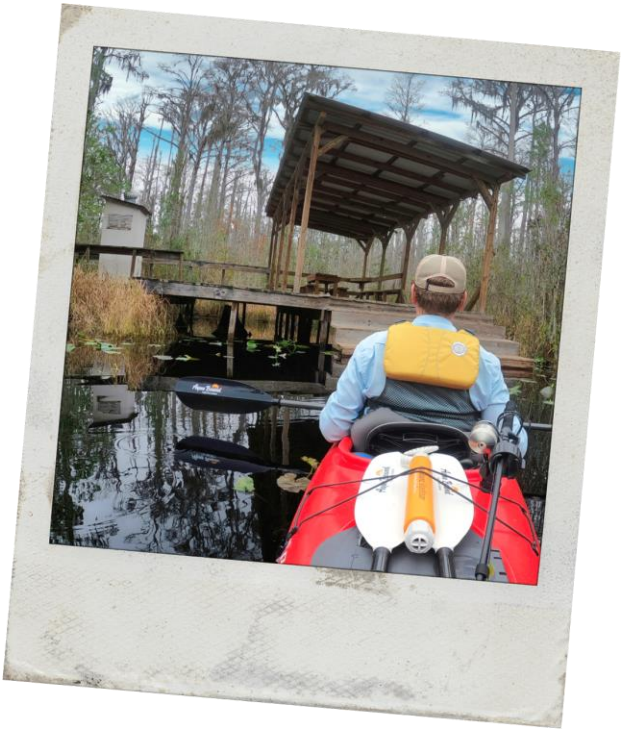
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*Top left: Super cool “Gateway To The Okefenokee” water tower with alligator in Folkston, GA. Middle left: Egret & Ibis taking flight on Green Trail. Top right: kayaking the Suwannee Canal in winter, heading to Canal Run. Bottom: kayaking the Purple Trail.*

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*Kayaker arriving at Minnies Lake day-use shelter.*





## Coffee Bay Day-Use Shelter



Visited Here

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



*Coffee Bay day-use shelter on the Suwannee Canal / Orange Trail.*

<b>General Location</b>	East side of Refuge. See maps on pages 13, 30.
<b>Trail</b>	Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal, between Yellow Trail and Canal Run.
<b>GPS Coordinates for Shelter</b>	30°45'41.9"N, 82°13'37.3"W or 30.761629, -82.227029
<b>Structure Type</b>	Wood platform. Half of the platform is over the water, backs up to and has access to land.
<b>Mileage to Other Points of Interest</b>	Suwannee Canal Recreation Area - 5.6 miles Cedar Hammock - 4.7 miles Canal Run - 4.2 miles Monkey Lake - 9.2 miles Round Top - 5.7 miles, Floyds Island - 7.6 miles pit toilet on Suwannee Canal - 3.7 miles (p. 66)
<b>Notes</b>	Large covered break/picnic area with table. Has vault/pit toilet on far left side. Camping is not allowed at day-use shelters.

## Minnies Lake Day-Use Shelter



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Visited Here



*Minnies Lake day-use shelter on the Red Trail.*

<b>General Location</b>	West-central part of Refuge. See maps on pages 12, 38.
<b>Trail</b>	Red Trail.
<b>GPS Coordinates for Shelter</b>	30°51'40.5"N, 82°19'24.3"W or 30.861235, -82.323412
<b>Structure Type</b>	Wood platform over water. No dry land.
<b>Mileage to Other Points of Interest</b>	Stephen C. Foster State Park - 4 miles Big Water - 6.8 miles north on Red Trail Floyds Island - 5.5 miles Green Trail intersection - 1.8 miles northeast Red / Orange Trail intersection - 2.4 miles south Billys Island access - 4 miles
<b>Notes</b>	Large covered break/picnic area with table and movable benches. Has vault/pit toilet. Camping is not allowed at day-use shelters.



## Pit Toilet – Suwannee Canal



*Pit toilet on small platform on the Suwannee Canal / Orange Trail.*

<b>General Location</b>	East side of Refuge. See maps on pages 13 and 30 for larger surrounding area.
<b>Trail</b>	Orange Trail / Suwannee Canal.
<b>GPS Coordinates for Pit Toilet</b>	30°44'17.3"N, 82°10'24.2"W or 30.738144, -82.173377
<b>Structure Type</b>	Wood platform over water. No dry land.
<b>Mileage to Other Points of Interest</b>	Suwannee Canal Recreation Area - 2 miles Cedar Hammock - 1.0 mile Canal Run - 7.8 miles Monkey Lake - 5.5 miles Coffee Bay - 3.7 miles Round Top - 9.5 miles
<b>Notes</b>	<u>Not a day-use shelter!</u> Just a tiny platform with a vault/pit toilet. Located on the Orange Trail, 900 feet past the Yellow Trail intersection, heading towards Canal Run. Exercise caution getting out on this platform; can be tricky and slick when wet.



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Arriving at Billys Island. Note the dock/steps, upper left of photo.*

- General Location** West part of Refuge.  
See maps on pages 12, 30, 38.
- Trail** Orange Trail.
- GPS Coordinates for Island Access** 30°49'53.3"N, 82°19'57.9"W or 30.831474, -82.332757
- It's an Island** Plenty of room to move around on dry land/island.
- Mileage to Other Points of Interest** Stephen C. Foster State Park - 2 miles  
Minnies Lake day-use shelter - 4 miles  
Mixons Hammock - 3.2 miles  
Canal Run - 5.3 miles  
Orange / Red Trail intersection - 0.6 miles west
- Notes** Lots of room to stretch your legs here. Billys Island has walking trails, interpretative signage, and remnants from Okefenokee's logging history in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. You can land your kayak/canoe on the island, or there's a dock/boardwalk for high water times. This is a favorite day-paddling destination and great place to have lunch.

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*Top left: You'll see lots of turtles in the Okefenokee. Middle left: trail signage at Blue and Purple trails intersection. Top right: gorgeous, eerie-looking Green Trail, west of Floyds Island. Bottom: paddler favorite Round Top camping platform in late Fall.*

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# **Okefenokee NWR**



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*Egret in the Chase Prairie near Round Top.*



*Entrance signage at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge; East / SCRA side.*



*Typical mileage marker on the paddling trails. On the Pink Trail in the Chesser Prairie.*

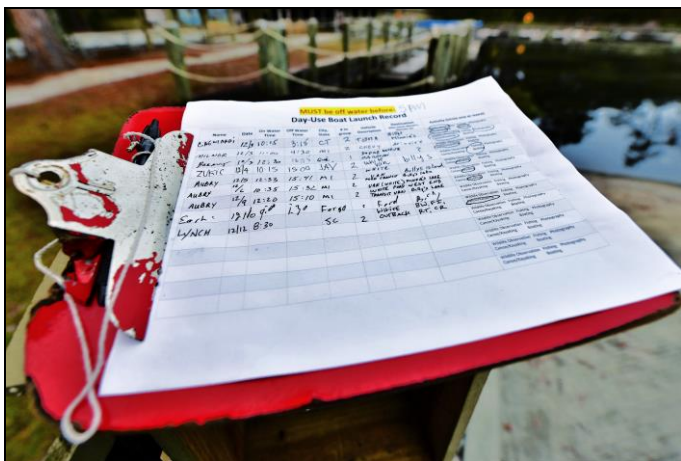


*You'll be paddling an exciting National Water Trail.*

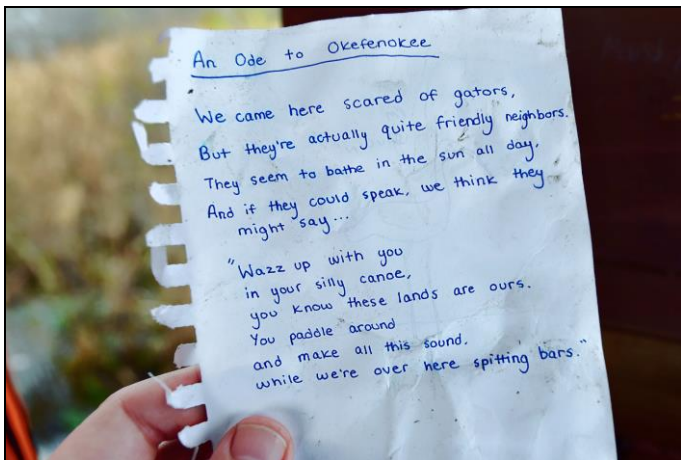


*Great Blue Heron on Billys Lake.*





You must sign in and out at boat ramps. Pictured: Stephen C. Foster State Park.



You'll often find humorous notes left behind by campers. Journal box at Round Top.



*Bring rope and tie off your canoe or kayak to the camping platform. Cedar Hammock.*



*Okefenokee is great fishing; you must have a current Georgia fishing license.*



*American Alligator. You're likely to see lots of these "locals" in the Okefenokee.*



*There's always good signage on the paddling trails. It's easy to navigate Okefenokee.*



*Barred Owl on the Pink Trail in the Chesser Prairie.*



*Sandhill Cranes photographed from Round Top. These birds are big and loud!*



*Every campsite and day-use shelter has a vault/pit toilet. Pictured: Monkey Lake camp.*



*In warmer months, you'll see thousands of water lilies on the trails with prairies.*



*Juvenile Red-Shouldered Hawk on the Red Trail near Big Water.*



*Which way to go? More great signage on the trail.*



*Getting out of your boat, and up on the platforms, can often be tricky! Monkey Lake.*



*Inside Floyds Cabin - you can sleep here! There's no electricity or potable water.*



*Yellow-Crowned Night Heron at Monkey Lake.*



*American Ibis on Yellow Trail near Cedar Hammock.*





*You'll see beautiful Hooded Pitcher Plants on just about every grassland/prairie trail.*



*There are many varieties of water lilies in the Okefenokee.*



*Common Gallinule (Moorhen, swamp chicken) on the Purple Trail in the Chase Prairie.*



*You might encounter motorized boat tours near SCRA and SFSP.*

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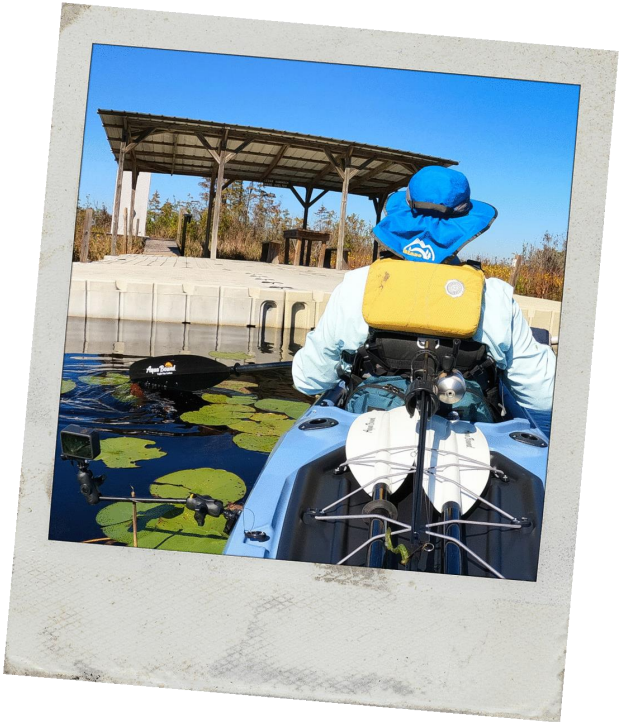
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*Top left: Pied-billed grebe on Yellow Trail. Middle left: there are lots of cypress knees in the Okefenokee. Top right: kayaker extraordinaire Ed Deal, of Blueway Adventures, on the Red Trail. Bottom: canoe camper on the Orange Trail.*

## Appendix: Camp-to-Camp Directions

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*Kayaker arriving at Cedar Hammock camping platform.*



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### **Cedar Hammock CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 50

GPS: 30°44'54.1"N, 82°10'23.1"W or 30.748367, -82.173083

Monkey Lake - 7 miles, campsite information p. 58

1. South on Yellow Trail for 0.9 mile to Orange Trail. Turn right.<sup>1</sup>
2. After 250-ft. on Orange Trail, bear left at split/signage.<sup>2</sup>
3. Paddle another 1,000-ft, turn left on Pink Trail.<sup>3</sup>
4. Paddle 5.2 miles on Pink Trail, arrive at Monkey Lake camp.<sup>4</sup>

Canal Run - 9 miles, campsite information p. 48

1. South on Yellow Trail for 0.9 mile to Orange Trail. Turn right.<sup>1</sup>
2. After 250-ft. on Orange Trail, bear right at split/signage.<sup>2</sup>
3. Pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
4. Paddle 4.2 miles further, arrive at Canal Run camp on the left.<sup>6</sup>

Round Top - 11 miles, campsite information p. 60

1. South on Yellow Trail for 0.9 mile to Orange Trail. Turn right.<sup>1</sup>
2. After 250-ft. on Orange Trail, bear right at split/signage.<sup>2</sup>
3. Pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
4. Continue 3.3 miles. Turn right on Purple Trail.<sup>7</sup>
5. Paddle 2.4 miles on Purple Trail, arrive at Round Top camp.<sup>8</sup>

Floyds Island - 13 miles, campsite information p. 52

1. South on Yellow Trail for 0.9 mile to Orange Trail. Turn right.<sup>1</sup>
2. After 250-ft. on Orange Trail, bear right at split/signage.<sup>2</sup>
3. Pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
4. Continue 4.1 miles. Bear right on Blue Trail.<sup>9</sup>
5. After 0.4 mile, bear right to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
6. Blue Trail intersects Purple Trail in 1.4 miles. Continue straight.<sup>11</sup>
7. Blue Trail ends at Green Trail 0.8 mile further. Continue straight.<sup>12</sup>
8. Paddle 1.0 mile on Green Trail, arrive at Floyds Island EAST access.<sup>13</sup>

### **Monkey Lake CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 58

GPS: 30°40'28.9"N, 82°12'21.6"W or 30.674692, -82.206006

Cedar Hammock - 7 miles, campsite information p. 50

1. Paddle north on Pink Trail for 5.2 miles. Turn right.<sup>3</sup>
2. Continue nearly 0.25 mile to start of Yellow Trail. Turn left.<sup>1</sup>
3. Paddle 0.9 mile on Yellow Trail, arrive at Cedar Hammock camp.<sup>14</sup>

Canal Run - 13 miles, campsite information p. 48

1. Paddle north on Pink Trail for 5.2 miles. Turn right.<sup>3 \*\*</sup>

\*\*Alternatively, you can turn left and arrive further up on Orange Trail in 1.3 miles. However, this route only saves 0.1 mile, and you'll miss one of the most scenic parts of Orange Trail.

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pp. 90 – 91



2. Paddle 1,000-ft. to Orange Trail split/signage. Continue around the split (in direction of "CHASE PRAIRIE" and Orange Trail).<sup>2</sup>
3. Pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
4. Paddle 4.2 miles further, arrive at Canal Run camp on left.<sup>6</sup>



Round Top - 15 miles, campsite information p. 60

1. Paddle north on Pink Trail for 5.2 miles. Turn right.<sup>3 \*\*</sup> (see note bottom p. 84)
2. Paddle 1,000-ft. to Orange Trail split/signage. Continue around the split (in direction of "CHASE PRAIRIE" and Orange Trail).<sup>2</sup>
3. Pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter 3.8 miles further.<sup>5</sup>
4. Continue 3.3 miles. Turn right on Purple Trail.<sup>7</sup>
5. Paddle 2.4 miles on Purple Trail, arrive at Round Top camp.<sup>8</sup>



### **Round Top CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 60

GPS: 30°48'13.0"N, 82°13'12.0"W or 30.803607, -82.219992

Canal Run - campsite information p. 48

**via Suwannee Canal** - 3 miles

1. Right/south on Purple Trail until it ends in 2.4 miles.
2. At end of Purple Trail/intersection with Orange Trail, turn right.<sup>7</sup>
3. Paddle 0.9 miles on Orange Trail, arrive at Canal Run camp on left.<sup>6</sup>

**via Purple Trail** - 6 miles

1. Left/north on Purple Trail for 3.0 miles.
2. Make sharp left on Blue Trail, now heading south.<sup>11</sup>
3. In 1.4 miles, turn left into canal-looking area to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
4. Continue 0.4 mile down canal, turn right at Orange Trail.<sup>9</sup>
5. Paddle 800-ft., arrive at Canal Run camp on left.<sup>6</sup>

Floyds Island - 6 miles, campsite information p. 52

1. Left/north on Purple Trail for 3.0 miles. At intersection with Blue Trail, continue straight.<sup>11</sup>
2. In 0.8 mile further, intersection with Green Trail. Continue straight.<sup>12</sup>
3. Paddle 1.0 mile on Green Trail, arrive at Floyds Island EAST access.<sup>13</sup>

Bluff Lake - 12 miles, campsite information p. 46

1. Left/north on Purple Trail for 3.0 miles. At intersection with Blue Trail, continue straight.<sup>11</sup>
2. In 0.8 mile further, intersection with Green Trail. Turn right.<sup>12</sup>
3. Paddle 7.7 miles on Green Trail, arrive at Bluff Lake camp.<sup>15</sup>

Monkey Lake - 15 miles, campsite information p. 58

1. Right/south on Purple Trail until it ends in 2.4 miles.
2. At end of Purple Trail/intersection with Orange Trail, turn left.<sup>7</sup>



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3. Paddle 3.3 miles, pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter.<sup>5</sup>
4. In 3.8 miles further, arrive at Orange Trail split/signage. Continue around the split (in direction of "CHESSER PRAIRIE" and Pink Trail).<sup>2</sup>
5. Paddle 1,000-ft, turn left on Pink Trail.<sup>3</sup>
6. Paddle 5.2 miles on Pink Trail, arrive at Monkey Lake camp.<sup>4</sup>



Cedar Hammock - 11 miles, campsite information p. 50

1. Right/south on Purple Trail until it ends in 2.4 miles.
2. At end of Purple Trail/intersection with Orange Trail, turn left.<sup>7</sup>
3. Paddle 3.3 miles, pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter.<sup>5</sup>
4. A little past 3.8 miles further, come to Yellow Trail on left. Turn here.<sup>1</sup>
5. Paddle 0.9 mile on Yellow Trail, arrive at Cedar Hammock camp.<sup>14</sup>

### **Canal Run CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 48

GPS: 30°48'55.6"N, 82°15'10.5"W or 30.815433, -82.252917

Round Top - campsite information p. 60

**via Suwannee Canal** - 3 miles

1. Right/east on Orange Trail 0.9 mile to Purple Trail. Turn left.<sup>7</sup>
2. Paddle 2.4 miles on Purple Trail, arrive at Round Top camp.<sup>8</sup>

**via Purple Trail** - 6 miles

1. Right/east on Orange Trail for 800-ft. Left on Blue Trail.<sup>9</sup>
2. After 0.4 mile, bear right to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
3. Blue Trail intersects Purple Trail in 1.4 miles. Turn sharp right.<sup>11</sup>
4. Paddle 3.0 miles on Purple Trail, arrive at Round Top camp.<sup>8</sup>

Floyds Island - 5 miles, campsite information p. 52

1. Right/east on Orange Trail for 800-ft. Left on Blue Trail.<sup>9</sup>
2. After 0.4 mile, bear right to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
3. Blue Trail intersects Purple Trail in 1.4 miles. Continue straight.<sup>11</sup>
4. Blue Trail ends at Green Trail 0.8 mile further. Continue straight.<sup>12</sup>
5. Paddle 1.0 mile on Green Trail, arrive at Floyds Island EAST access.<sup>13</sup>

Bluff Lake - 11 miles, campsite information p. 46

1. Right/east on Orange Trail for 800-ft. Left on Blue Trail.<sup>9</sup>
2. After 0.4 mile, bear right to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
3. Blue Trail intersects Purple Trail in 1.4 miles. Continue straight.<sup>11</sup>
4. Blue Trail ends at Green Trail 0.8 mile further. Turn right.<sup>12</sup>
5. Paddle 7.7 miles on Green Trail, arrive at Bluff Lake camp.<sup>15</sup>

Mixons Hammock - 9 miles, campsite information p. 56

1. Left/west on Orange Trail for 5.3 miles. Pass by Billys Island.<sup>16</sup>
2. Pass by canal to SFSP 1.7 miles further. Continue straight on Brown Trail.<sup>17</sup>
3. Paddle 1.5 miles further, arrive at Mixons Hammock on right.<sup>18</sup>



### Monkey Lake - 13 miles, campsite information p. 58

1. Right/east on Orange Trail. Pass by Coffee Bay shelter in 4.2 miles.<sup>5</sup>
2. In 3.8 miles further, arrive at Orange Trail split/signage. Continue around the split (in direction of "CHESSER PRAIRIE" and Pink Trail).<sup>2</sup>
3. Paddle 1,000-ft, turn left on Pink Trail.<sup>3</sup>
4. Paddle 5.2 miles on Pink Trail, arrive at Monkey Lake camp.<sup>4</sup>



### Cedar Hammock - 9 miles, campsite information p. 50

1. Right/east on Orange Trail. Pass by Coffee Bay shelter in 4.2 miles.<sup>5</sup>
2. A little past 3.8 miles further, come to Yellow Trail on left. Turn here.<sup>1</sup>
3. Paddle 0.9 mile on Yellow Trail, arrive at Cedar Hammock camp.<sup>14</sup>

### **Floyds Island CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 52

GPS - EAST Access: 30°51'22.4"N, 82°15'52.3"W or 30.856217, -82.264533

GPS - WEST Access: 30°51'22.6"N, 82°16'04.4"W or 30.856267, -82.267883

### Canal Run - 5 miles, campsite information p. 48

1. From EAST access, begin Green Trail. At 1.0 mile, bear right/straight on Blue Trail.<sup>12</sup>
2. Blue Trail intersects with Purple Trail 0.8 mile further. Bear right/straight to stay on Blue Trail.<sup>11</sup>
3. In 1.4 miles, turn left into canal-looking area to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
4. Continue 0.4 mile down canal, turn right at Orange Trail.<sup>9</sup>
5. Paddle 800-ft., arrive at Canal Run on left.<sup>6</sup>

### Round Top - 6 miles, campsite information p. 60

1. From EAST access, begin Green Trail. At 1.0 mile, bear right/straight on Blue Trail.<sup>12</sup>
2. Blue Trail intersects with Purple Trail 0.8 mile further. Bear left to begin Purple Trail.<sup>11</sup>
3. Paddle 3.0 miles on Purple Trail, arrive at Round Top camp.<sup>8</sup>

### Bluff Lake - 9 miles, campsite information p. 46

1. From EAST access, begin Green Trail. At 1.0 mile, turn left to continue Green Trail.<sup>12</sup>
2. Paddle another 7.7 miles on Green Trail, arrive at Bluff Lake camp.<sup>15</sup>

### Cedar Hammock - 13 miles, campsite information p. 50

1. From EAST access, begin Green Trail. At 1.0 mile, bear right/straight on Blue Trail.<sup>12</sup>
2. In 2.2 miles, turn left into canal-looking area to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
3. Continue 0.4 mile down canal, turn left at Orange Trail.<sup>9</sup>
4. Pass by Coffee Bay day-use shelter in 4.1 miles.<sup>5</sup>
5. A little past 3.8 miles further, come to Yellow Trail on left. Turn here.<sup>1</sup>
6. Paddle 0.9 mile on Yellow Trail, arrive at Cedar Hammock camp.<sup>14</sup>





## Appendix: Camp-to-Camp Directions

Big Water - 8 miles, campsite information p. 44

1. From WEST access, begin Green Trail. At 3.1 miles, turn right on Red Trail.<sup>19</sup>
2. Paddle 5.0 miles on Red Trail, arrive at Big Water camp.<sup>20</sup>

Mixons Hammock - 11 miles, campsite information p. 56

1. From WEST access, begin Green Trail. At 3.1 miles, turn left on Red Trail.<sup>19</sup>
2. Pass by Minnies Lake day-use shelter in 1.8 miles.<sup>21</sup>
3. Paddle 2.4 miles further on Red Trail to Orange Trail/Billys Lake intersection. Turn right.<sup>22</sup>
4. In 1.1 miles, pass by canal to SFSP. Continue straight on Brown Trail.<sup>17</sup>
5. Paddle 1.5 miles further, arrive at Mixons Hammock on right.<sup>18</sup>

### **Bluff Lake CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 46

GPS: 30°52'41.5"N, 82°09'02.2"W or 30.878193, -82.150608

Floyds Island - 9 miles, campsite information p. 52

1. Right/southwest on Green Trail. At 7.7 miles, turn right to continue Green Trail.<sup>12</sup>
2. Continue 1.0 mile further on Green Trail, arrive at Floyds Island EAST access.<sup>13</sup>

Round Top - 12 miles, campsite information p. 60

1. Right/southwest on Green Trail. At 7.7 miles, turn left on Blue Trail.<sup>12</sup>
2. Blue Trail intersects with Purple Trail 0.8 mile further. Bear left to begin Purple Trail.<sup>11</sup>
3. Paddle 3.0 miles on Purple Trail, arrive at Round Top camp.<sup>8</sup>

Canal Run - 11 miles, campsite information p. 48

1. Right/southwest on Green Trail. At 7.7 miles, turn left on Blue Trail.<sup>12</sup>
2. Blue Trail intersects with Purple Trail 0.8 mile further. Bear right/straight to stay on Blue Trail.<sup>11</sup>
3. In 1.4 miles, turn left into canal-looking area to continue Blue Trail.<sup>10</sup>
4. Continue 0.4 mile down canal, turn right at Orange Trail.<sup>9</sup>
5. Paddle 800-ft., arrive at Canal Run on left.<sup>6</sup>

### **Maul Hammock CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 54

GPS: 31°00'58.4"N, 82°15'23.8"W or 31.016233, -82.256600

Big Water - 9 miles, campsite information p. 44

From camping platform, at Red Trail split at the edge of the lake<sup>23</sup>, bear left (NNE) and paddle Red Trail for 9 miles, arrive at Big Water camp.<sup>20</sup>



### **Big Water CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 44

GPS: 30°56'12.1"N, 82°16'47.1"W or 30.936701, -82.279736

Maul Hammock - 9 miles, campsite information p. 54

Left/north on Red Trail for 9 miles and arrive at Maul Hammock camp.<sup>24</sup>

Floyds Island - 8 miles, campsite information p. 52

1. Right/south on Red Trail for 5.0 miles. Turn left on Green Trail.<sup>19</sup>
2. Paddle 3.1 miles on Green Trail, end at Floyds Island WEST access.<sup>25</sup>

Mixons Hammock - 13 miles, campsite information p. 56

1. Right/south on Red Trail.
2. Pass by Minnies Lake day-use shelter in 6.8 miles.<sup>21</sup>
3. Paddle 2.4 miles further on Red Trail to Orange Trail/Billys Lake intersection. Turn right.<sup>22</sup>
4. In 1.1 miles, pass by canal to SFSP. Continue straight on Brown Trail.<sup>17</sup>
5. Paddle 1.5 miles further, arrive at Mixons Hammock on right.<sup>18</sup>

### **Mixons Hammock CAMP to:**

Campsite information p. 56

GPS: 30°49'26.7"N, 82°22'53.3"W or 30.824083, -82.381467

Canal Run - 9 miles, campsite information p. 48

1. Left/east on Brown Trail for 1.5 miles, pass by canal to SFSP.<sup>17</sup>
2. Pass by Billys Island 1.7 miles further (on Orange Trail at this point).<sup>16</sup>
3. Continue Orange Trail for 5.3 miles further, arrive at Canal Run camp.<sup>6</sup>

Floyds Island - 11 miles, campsite information p. 52

1. Left/east on Brown Trail for 1.5 miles, pass by canal to SFSP.<sup>17</sup>
2. Paddle another 1.1 miles, turn left on Red Trail.<sup>22</sup>
3. Pass by Minnies Lake day-use shelter in 2.4 miles further.<sup>21</sup>
4. Continue another 1.8 miles on Red Trail, turn right on Green Trail.<sup>19</sup>
5. Paddle 3.1 miles on Green Trail, end at Floyds Island WEST access.<sup>25</sup>

Big Water - 13 miles, campsite information p. 44

1. Left/east on Brown Trail for 1.5 miles, pass by canal to SFSP.<sup>17</sup>
2. Paddle another 1.1 miles, turn left on Red Trail.<sup>22</sup>
3. Pass by Minnies Lake day-use shelter in 2.4 miles further.<sup>21</sup>
4. Continue another 6.8 miles, arrive at Big Water camp.<sup>20</sup>



## Appendix: GPS Data for Trails, Camps

### GPS Coordinates for Trails and Camps (pp. 19, 20, 84 - 89)

- 1 Orange Trail / Yellow Trail intersection  
30°44'14.8"N, 82°10'14.7"W or 30.737442, -82.170742
- 2 Orange Trail split / signage  
30°44'14.8"N, 82°10'17.9"W or 30.737449, -82.171633
- 3 Beginning of Pink Trail  
30°44'14.0"N, 82°10'29.3"W or 30.737230, -82.174807
- 4 Monkey Lake camp  
30°40'28.9"N, 82°12'21.6"W or 30.674692, -82.206006
- 5 Coffee Bay day-use shelter  
30°45'41.9"N, 82°13'37.3"W or 30.761629, -82.227029
- 6 Canal Run camp  
30°48'55.6"N, 82°15'10.5"W or 30.815433, -82.252917
- 7 Orange Trail / Purple Trail intersection  
30°48'13.8"N, 82°14'50.2"W or 30.803833, -82.247278
- 8 Round Top camp  
30°48'13.0"N, 82°13'12.0"W or 30.803607, -82.219992
- 9 Orange Trail / Blue Trail intersection  
30°48'51.0"N, 82°15'02.6"W or 30.814165, -82.250723
- 10 Turn in Blue Trail  
30°49'10.6"N, 82°15'02.8"W or 30.819621, -82.250790
- 11 Blue Trail / Purple Trail intersection  
30°50'07.4"N, 82°14'50.8"W or 30.835384, -82.247456
- 12 Blue Trail / Green Trail intersection  
30°50'43.8"N, 82°15'11.5"W or 30.845498, -82.253180
- 13 Floyds Island EAST access  
30°51'22.4"N, 82°15'52.3"W or 30.856217, -82.264533
- 14 Cedar Hammock camp  
30°44'54.1"N, 82°10'23.1"W or 30.748367, -82.173083
- 15 Bluff Lake camp  
30°52'41.5"N, 82°09'02.2"W or 30.878193, -82.150608
- 16 Billys Island day-use area (hiking, picnic)  
30°49'53.3"N, 82°19'57.9"W or 30.831474, -82.332757
- 17 Intersection with canal to Stephen C. Foster State Park  
30°49'54.3"N, 82°21'36.9"W or 30.831743, -82.360253
- 18 Mixons Hammock camp  
30°49'26.7"N, 82°22'53.3"W or 30.824083, -82.381467
- 19 Red Trail / Green Trail intersection WEST  
30°52'31.8"N, 82°18'09.1"W or 30.875492, -82.302518



- 20 Big Water camp  
30°56'12.1"N, 82°16'47.1"W or 30.936701, -82.279736
- 21 Minnies Lake day-use shelter  
30°51'40.5"N, 82°19'24.3"W or 30.861235, -82.323412
- 22 Red Trail / Orange Trail / Billys Lake intersection  
30°50'05.5"N, 82°20'35.4"W or 30.834862, -82.343155
- 23 Maul Hammock lake Red Trail SPLIT  
31°01'01.4"N, 82°15'24.1"W or 31.017064, -82.256687
- 24 Maul Hammock camp  
31°00'58.4"N, 82°15'23.8"W or 31.016233, -82.256600
- 25 Floyds Island WEST access  
30°51'22.6"N, 82°16'04.4"W or 30.856267, -82.267883
- 26 Red Trail / Green Trail intersection EAST  
30°57'16.1"N 82°09'06.6"W or 30.954472, -82.151833



*Cedar Hammock camp, on the Yellow Trail.*

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## Kayak/Canoe Camping Checklist

- Personal flotation device (PFD) “life jacket”
- Paddle
- Spare paddle
- Dry bags (if it’s not in a dry bag, it will get wet!)
- Signaling device (whistle, mirror, flare)
- Bailer or bilge pump
- Sponge
- Map of Refuge (see pgs. 12, 13)
- Compass
- GPS
- Matches/lighter/fire starter
- Knife or multi-tool
- First aid kit
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Wide brim hat
- Sunglasses with lanyard
- Lip balm
- Water - minimum 1 gallon/person/day
- Backup/emergency water treatment method
- Cook stove and fuel
- Eating utensils
- Food, snacks
- Insect repellent and/or mosquito netting
- Rope for pulling canoe/kayak
- Rain gear
- Season-specific layering clothing
- Tent, tarp, hammock, or bivy sack
- Sleeping bag/quilt
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Duct tape
- Trash bags
- Toilet paper
- Toiletries
- Camera
- This super cool *Okefenokee Guidebook* !

### **IMPORTANT**

Filtering or purifying  
Okefenokee water is  
NOT recommended!



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