

Okefenokee

National Wildlife Refuge

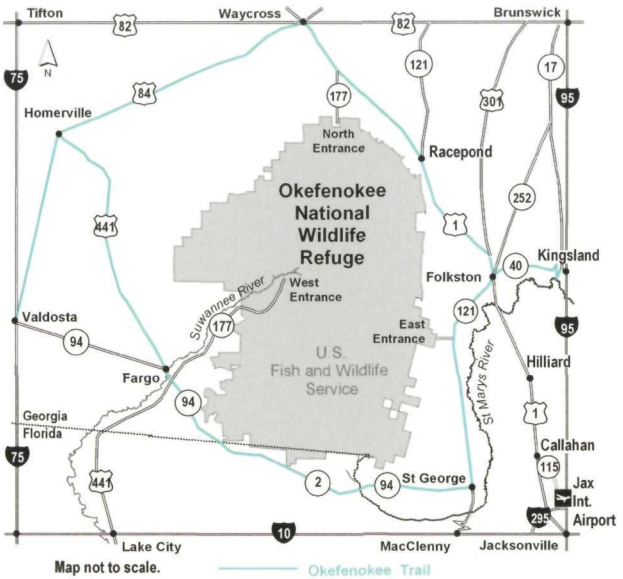
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The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1937 and encompasses 403,119 acres of the beautiful Okefenokee Swamp in Southeast Georgia. The name “Okefenokee” comes from a Native American word meaning “land of the trembling earth.”

Although protected as a National Wildlife Refuge and National Wilderness Area today, the Okefenokee has sustained many man-made alternations over time. Over the past 80 years, the natural landscape has rebounded, with very little evidence of times past. Canoeing and kayaking (including Wilderness Canoeing overnight trips for two to five days as well as day trips), driving the Swamp Island Drive, or hiking are some of the ways to experience the refuge and the Okefenokee Swamp. You may see a diversity of wildlife species including American alligators, red-cockaded woodpeckers, sandhill cranes, and gopher tortoises, just a few of the over 400 species of wildlife that call the refuge home. National Wilderness Areas are special and unique places to come and experience solitude and outdoor recreation.

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East Entrance: The main entrance managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Located 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA off Hwy 121/23. Visitor Center, Swamp Island Drive, historic homestead, boat ramp, boat tours and rentals are available. Entrance fee required. For canoeing reservations on the Wilderness Canoe Trail System, call 912/496 3331 from 7 am - 10 am Monday - Friday. Call 912/496 7836 for more information.
www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee

West Entrance: Located 17 miles east of Fargo, GA on Hwy 177, Stephen C. Foster State Park manages this entrance with boardwalks, boating trails, fishing, guided boat tours, motorboat and canoe rentals, camping, and more. Parking fee required. Call 912/637 5274 for information, or 1-800/864 7275 for reservations.
www.gastateparks.org

North Entrance: Okefenokee Swamp Park is a private, non-profit located eight miles south of Waycross, GA off US Hwy 1. Guided boat tours, Okefenokee railroad, live animal exhibits, and programs available. Entrance fee required.
912/283 0583 www.okeswamp.com



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