

Reed Bingham State Park Lake, changing its Designated Use to Recreational

- *Name and length of the waterbody.*

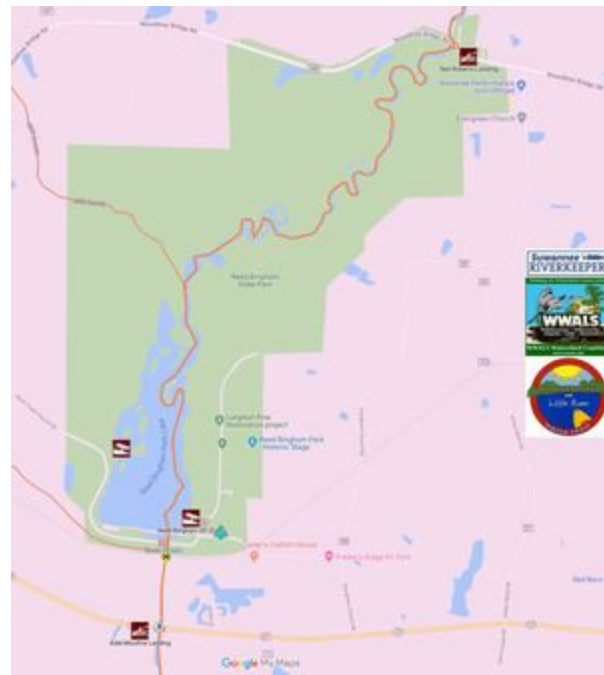
Reed Bingham State Park Lake. According to GA DNR: <http://explore.gastateparks.org/info/94>

“A 375-acre lake is popular with boaters and skiers, and fishing for bass, crappie, catfish and bream is excellent. Paddlers can rent canoes and kayaks to explore this beautiful lake lined with fragrant water lilies and tupelo trees. Guided pontoon boat tours are sometimes offered during events. The beachside pavilion, picnic shelters and group shelters are scenic spots for parties, reunions and other celebrations. Reed Bingham is less than six miles from I-75, making it a relaxing stop for travelers. It was named for Amos Reed Bingham who was instrumental in having the park established.

“Visitors to this pretty park usually see abundant wildlife, including species such as gopher tortoises, yellow bellied sliders and indigo snakes. Nesting bald eagles are often seen in winter. American alligators are often seen sunning along the lake’s edge. During winter, thousands of “buzzards,” actually black vultures and turkey vultures, roost in the trees and soar overhead. Nearly 80 percent of the Coastal Plain’s plant community can be found along the park’s Coastal Plain Nature Trail, making this park’s habitat some of the most diverse in the country.”

- *Location of the reach, shown on a map.*

https://gastateparks.org/sites/default/files/parks/pdf/reedbingham/ReedBingham_OrienteeringMap.pdf



- *Any 305(b)/303(d) impairment(s) &/or TMDL(s).*
- *Current users of the waterbody, including but not limited to*
 - *businesses or industries,*
 - Reed Bingham State Park and its Lake are featured in festivals and tourism and economic marketing by Cook County, Adel, Colquitt County, Moultrie, and other nearby cities and counties, as well as by the state of Georgia.
 - WWALS conducts its annual BIG Little River Paddle Race on the Little River and Reed Bingham State Park Lake.
 - See also attached letter from Georgia Beer Co.

- *parks within the waterbody and watershed,*

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- *and any “blue trails” on the water for water-craft recreation activities.*

The WWALS Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail includes the two GA DNR boat ramps on Reed Bingham State Park Lake and Red Roberts Landing, upstream on the Little River from that Lake, and still within the Park. <http://wwals.net/maps/withlacoochee-river-water-trail/>

The WWALS and FORB Sixth Annual BIG Little River Paddle Race in 2018 drew 49 paddlers in 43 boats, 29 male, 20 female, from 4 to 69 years old, from 10 watersheds, 15 counties, and two states (Georgia and Florida). <http://wwals.net/?p=43850>

- *Letters of support from:*
 - *dischargers, domestic &/or industrial, to the reach.*

See next bullet item (stakeholders) for Adel and Cook County.
 - *municipalities, county Board of Commissioners, other affected governmental bodies, and other stakeholders who live in the watershed.*
 - All those who endorsed the Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail, especially Adel; see Withlacoochee River.
 - The [Adopted 2015 Joint Cook County and Cities of Adel, Cecil, Lenox, and Sparks Comprehensive Plan Update](#) says “Continue to assist the State and public/private groups in the protection of Reed Bingham State Park and other conservation areas, through in-kind services including but not limited to the river cleanup crew, publishing event notices, and Friends of Reed Bingham participation.” <https://www.sgrc.us/documents/localgovernmentsservices/comprehensiveplans/271aa30b87b2b45a73b3ae4f27818629.pdf>
- *Investments, both completed and pending, for improved use of the waterbody such as boat ramps, parks, trails, or drinking water systems. Include the amount of the investment, as well as who funded the project(s) and for what purpose.*

GA DNR has two boat ramps on Reed Bingham State Park Lake and Red Roberts Landing upstream on the Little River, as well as the rest of the state park itself, with all its buildings, roads, and staff.