

Second Annual Suwannee RIVERKEEPER® Songwriting Contest



Why: There should be more songs about the Suwannee River, or the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Alapahoochee, Little, New, Dead, or Gopher Rivers, Okapilco, Piscola, or other Creeks, the Okefenokee Swamp, Grand Bay, or springs, sinks, swamps, or ponds....

Song Submissions: *are closed!* **Finalists:** TBA Sat., August 10, 2019.

The Contest: 1-5PM, Saturday, August 24, 2019. **MC:** radio personality **Chris Beckham**.

Headliners: **Joe Smothers** and 2018 Winner **Laura D'Alisera** will play, and finalists will play.



Where: The Salty Snapper, 1405 Gornto Rd, Valdosta, GA; food, bar, silent auction, kayak raffle.

Tickets: \$10 per person [online](#); \$12 at the door; \$150 per six-seat VIP table in front of stage.

Sponsors: named in program, stage, sponsor banner, online, radio, TV, newspapers, etc.

Georgia Beer Company is the top-tier Aria-level sponsor. Also sponsored by



Judges: **Tony Buzella**, **J.J. Rolle**, and **Tim**

Teasley will mark finalists on originality of lyrics and music, waters, history, performance, clarity of message, and more. Extra credit for naming the most rivers. See [Rules](#).



Prizes: \$300 First Prize. Finalists must be present to win, and must arrive 11AM for sound check.

\$50 winner from within the Suwannee River Basin. \$50 winner from elsewhere. One winner per musical genre.

New: youth winners under 18 years old. Finalists and judges: mileage, 50 to 125 miles from venue.

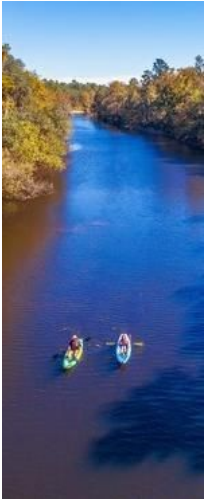
WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. (WWALS): is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charity.

WWALS advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities.

WWALS is the Member of WATERKEEPER® Alliance for the Suwannee River Basin as Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®.

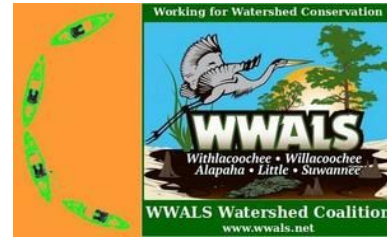


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WWALS Boomerang From Georgia To Florida *and Back Again* Withlacoochee River State Line Ramp

11 AM, Saturday, October 26, 2019



Join us for a fun filled day of paddle racing and leisurely paddling on an idyllic blackwater river.

Plenty of water, no deadfalls, plus shoals!

Put In: [State Line Ramp](#) (Mozell Spells, GA 31 Ramp),
6461 Madison Hwy, Valdosta, GA 31601.
VSU 16 miles, Quitman 23, Adel 37, Tifton 60, Moultrie 55,
Madison 15, Jasper 27, Live Oak 40, Lake City 60,
Tallahassee 70, Gainesville 108, Jacksonville 120.

Tickets: \$20 until Oct. 15, then \$30.

Boats: Canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards!

WWALS supplies race bibs.

Paddle distance: 6 miles round trip;
markers for shorter routes

Paddle time: about 3 hours.

Turnaround: 3, 2, and 1 miles.

Next takeout: Sullivan Launch,
5.35 miles, at CR 150



Sponsors: Your name and logo on sign, announcements, and flyers.

Vendors: vested in conservation or stewardship of our waters.

Nonprofits: free. **For-profit vendors:** \$20 fee. Selling permit required.

Outfitters: supporting the WWALS Boomerang so far:

- [you could be the first]

Volunteers: help the [WWALS Outings Committee](#) organize or at the event.

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Facebook and Meetup Event: WWALS Boomerang,



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