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**Gear Swap at Banks Lake: find a new boat, maybe try it out, or get rid of an old one**

Lakeland, Georgia, February 26, 2020 — Here’s something new: a fun-filled day of promoting paddle activities and trying various boat designs, at Banks Lake on the first Saturday of March. This new event by WWALS Watershed Coalition (WWALS) should help paddlers find a new boat or get rid of an old one. If the owner permits, you can try out a boat right there on Banks Lake. This should help get everyone ready to kick off a new paddling season in the great Suwannee River Basin.



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Photo: Bret Miller, 2020-02-09

WWALS Outings Chair Bobby McKenzie, who thought up this Gear Swap, says, “Many thanks to Lanier County, Banks Lake Outdoors, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their cooperation in this event.”

Suwannee Riverkeeper John S. Quarterman adds, “Maybe we’ll find a boat and motor appropriate for patrolling and water quality testing. No telling what you might find!”

Gear Swap will be 10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday, March 7, 2020, at [Banks Lake Boat Ramp](#), 307 Georgia 122, Lakeland, GA 31635, in Lanier County.





*Photo: John S. Quarterman, 2019-05-18*

This outing is free to WWALS members, and \$5 (five dollars) for non-members. We recommend you support the work of WWALS by [becoming a WWALS member today!](#)

Plus you can get stickers, buttons, and pictures taken by Gretchen Quarterman on many of our rivers and lakes and swamps in the 10,000-square-mile Suwannee River Basin.

**WWALS Watershed Coalition, Inc. (WWALS)** advocates for conservation and stewardship of the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, Santa Fe, and Suwannee River watersheds in south Georgia and north Florida through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities. Founded in June 2012, WWALS has board members from multiple counties in south Georgia and north Florida, and members from all over the Suwannee River Basin and from farther away. Since December 2016, John S. Quarterman is the Suwannee Riverkeeper®, which is a staff position and a project of WWALS as the member of Waterkeeper® Alliance for the Suwannee River Basin.

For more WWALS outings and events as they are posted, see the [WWALS calendar](#) or the [WWALS outings and events](#) web page. WWALS members also get an upcoming list in the *Tannin Times* newsletter.

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