

Big Shoals State Park

Planning Region: Suwannee River

County: Hamilton and Columbia counties

Lease/Management Agreement Number: 3541

Overview

Big Shoals State Park is home to the only Class III whitewater rapids in Florida and protects several distinct natural communities. The park is home to a variety of imperiled plant and animal species, cultural resources, and prominent hydrological features. Resource-based recreational opportunities include canoeing/kayaking, wildlife viewing, cycling, hiking, birding, equestrian trails, fishing, and hunting.

Total Acreage: 1,329.24

Natural Communities	Acres
Alluvial Forest	339.68
Basin Swamp	169.29
Baygall	43.41
Blackwater Stream	22.89
Bottomland Forest	41.01
Dome Swamp	72.18
Floodplain Swamp	121.22
Mesic Flatwoods	2070.08
Mesic Hammock	15.77
Sandhill	36.79
Seepage Stream	2.47
Upland Hardwood Forest	164.67
Upland Mixed Woodland	16.00
Upland Pine	142.67
Xeric Hammock	8.79

Altered Land Cover	Acres
Abandoned Field/Abandoned Pasture	30.44
Canal/Ditch	0.12
Developed	20.56
Pine Plantation	6.84
Restoration Natural Community	264.47
Successional Hardwood Forest	222.38

Acquisition: Originally purchased from the Nature Conservancy in 1986 with funds from the Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) program; with several different public agencies managing what is collectively referred to as Big Shoals Public Lands.