



Boat Ramp

Lowndes Co

Withlacoochee River

6899 Clyattville-Nankin Rd, Valdosta, GA 31601

30.675192, -83.394143

County, Georgia



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GEORGIA WATER TRAILS

Emergency Management: Lowndes County, GA 229-671-2790 Brooks County, GA 229-263-4262; Madison County, FL 850-973-3698

Downstream:

- Water Levels on the Quitman US 84 USGS Gauge 02318500:
 85.5' (2.0') lowest boatable: below, you may walk a lot
 94' (10.5') highest safe: above, you can get lost in the floodplain
 Difficulty: Class I (beginner) rapids in low water, esp. after 5 miles.
- **Look for:** Alligators, mullet jumping, sand banks turning to limestone, herons, turtles, Halbardleaf rosemallow, invasive Japanese climbing fern, many shoals, and two good springs.
 - Rocky Ford Bridge (the current bridge, or maybe the previous one)
 - 1.1 miles, *River Bend Shoals*; small but amusing
 - 2.67 miles, *Wrested Vegetation*, both banks, important in GA riparian law
 - 2.87 miles, *JLH Creek*, left bank, need real name
 - 3.24 miles, *Tween Creeks Shoal*, rocks almost across river
 - 4.64 miles, *McIntyre Spring*, right bank, 2nd magnitude, has 4610-foot explored underwater caves under Brooks County
 - 5.02 miles, *Georgia into Florida First Time:* Madison County, FL, right bank populated; left bank inaccessible by land
 - 5.3 miles, *Pear Way Boat Ramp*, private, emergency only
 - 5.6 miles, Valdosta Railway Trestle, picturesque, abandoned



Photo: John S. Quarterman, Valdosta Railroad Trestle, 2017-10-14.

- 5.6 miles, *Four Freedoms Trail*, from Madison, FL, along the old Valdosta Railway right of way
- 5.6 miles, *State Line Shoals*, biggest on this stretch
- *The river is the state line here:* left bank Lowndes County, Georgia; right bank Madison County, Florida
- 5.7 miles, *Georgia into Florida Second Time:* both banks now Madison County, Florida
- You are Here ∜

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- 5.8 miles, *Tannin Shoals*, at southmost bend in Florida
- 5.9 miles, *Back to Georgia Shoals*, left bank Lowndes County, right bank Brooks County, accessible by land only from Florida



Photo: John S. Quarterman, Back to Georgia Shoals, 2017-10-14.

- 7 miles, *Arnold Springs*, left bank: three small springs adding up to second magnitude; private property inland
- 7.32 miles, Old Clyattville Road Bridge, posts
- 8.10 miles, *Olympia Bend Shooting Range;* you'll hear
- 8.2 miles, *Halberdleaf Rosemallow*, left bank, each bloom lasts only one day in June

Downstream Take Out:

8.9 miles, 4.5 hours to *State Line Boat Ramp*, Also known as Mozell Spells and Madison Highway Ramp.

Upstream:

- 0 miles, *Clyattville-Nankin Shoal*, small shoal
- 0.95 miles, *Redland Creek*, left bank (facing downstream)
- 6.55 miles, *Knights Ferry Bridge abutment*, all that remains
- 6.64 miles, *Knights Ferry*, site of

Upstream Take Out:

6.65 miles upstream to *Knights Ferry Boat Ramp*, 6499 Knights Ferry Rd, Valdosta, GA 31601



