

# Suwannee



# Suwannee River Water Trail

## Okefenokee Swamp to the Gulf in south Georgia and north Florida

Join a WWALS monthly paddle outing!



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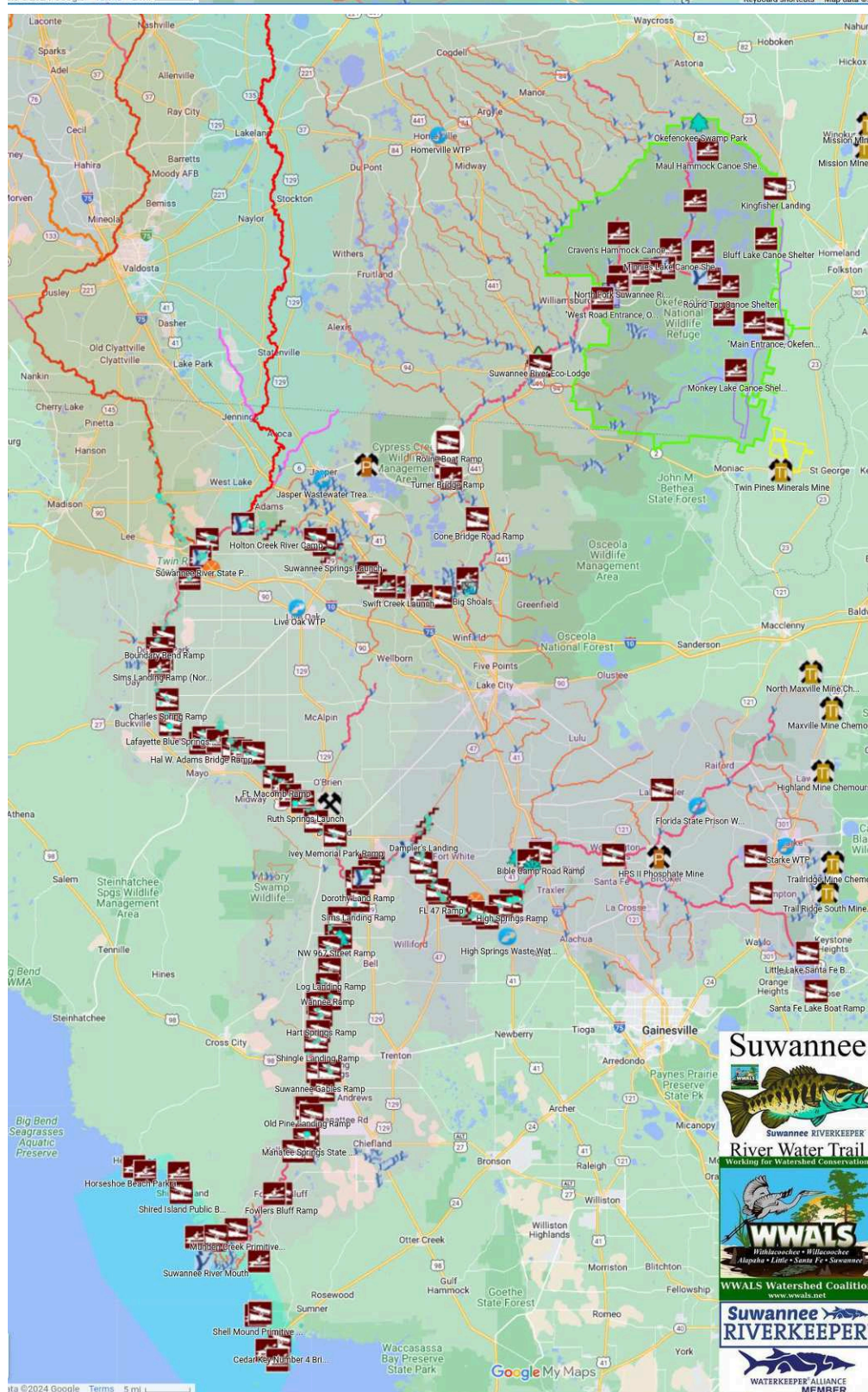
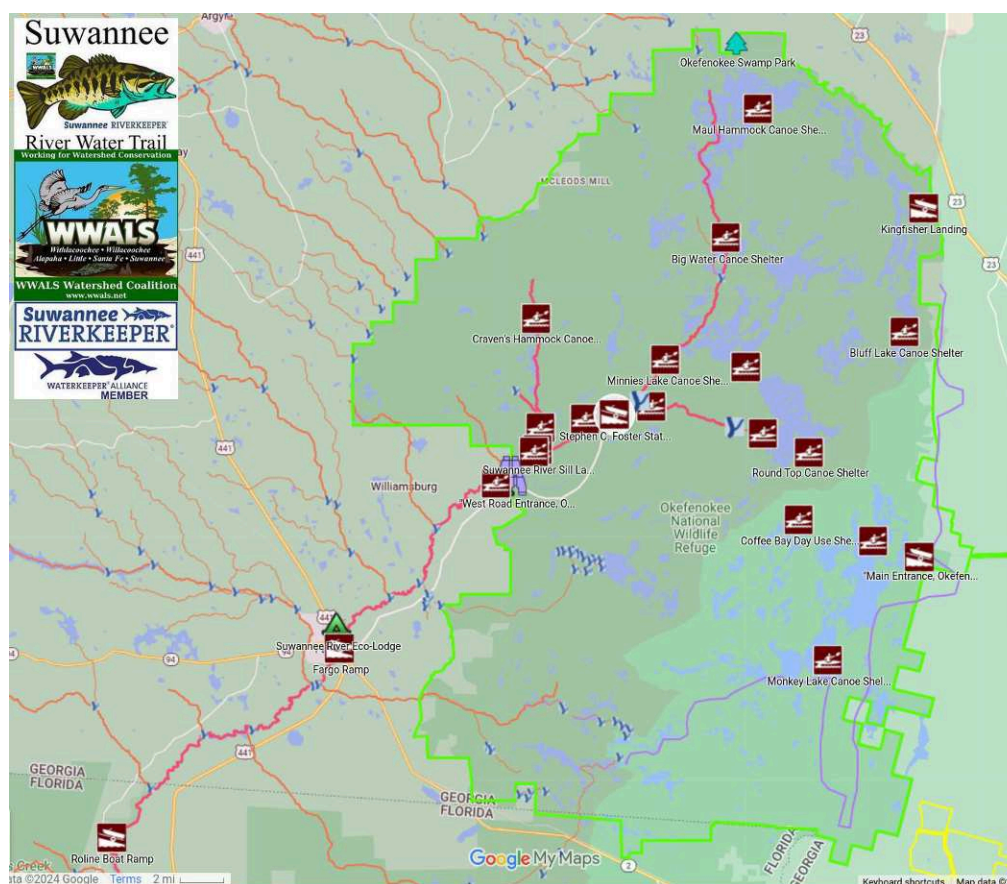
From the fabled **Okefenokee Swamp**, with its alligators and great blue herons, you can paddle 244 river miles “Way down upon the Swanee River,” to the Springs Heartland of Florida, with many First and Second Magnitude Springs, sinks, and swallets, on to the Gulf of Mexico.

The **Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge** has many day and camping platforms and islands (reservations required), and the first of four public landings on 37 miles in Georgia of the **Suwannee River**.

In Florida, the **Suwannee River** has the only Class III rapids in the state, Big Shoals, and 70 public landings on 206 river miles. Most of them are on the long-established *Suwannee River Wilderness Trail*, which also includes the five Suwannee River Camps, with bathrooms, hot and cold running water, elevated screened-in sleeping platforms, and electricity. The WWALS SRWT map includes many details that are not on the Wilderness Trail maps.

The **Suwannee River Estuary** in the Gulf of Mexico has half a dozen stops on the *Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail*.

Florida’s **Santa Fe River** has 17 public landings and numerous springs. The six crystal-clear miles of the **Ichetucknee River** start with its First Magnitude Headspring, with tubing, canoeing, and kayaking among its 3 public landings.



## Etiquette

1. Carry out all trash with you
2. Camp only where you have permission
3. Do not cut or damage living trees or plants
4. Take only pictures or videos; leave no trace
5. Control pets or leave them at home
6. Respect wildlife
7. Respect waterfront property
  - Don't trespass on private property
  - Minimize impacts to shore
8. Be courteous to other water trail users

## Safety

1. Be prepared with life vests and cell phone
2. Let someone know your float plan
3. Beware of alligators, snakes, and red wasps
4. Watch small children or pets
5. Be extremely careful with campfires

## Checklist

- Water and food
- Sunscreen & bug repellent
- Whistle, map, spare paddle
- Personal flotation device
- First aid kit & tiedowns
- Rope for shoals
- Clothes:
  - Warm & swim suit
  - Dry & waterproof bag
- Trash bag & trash picker
- Flashlight in case of dark
- Phone, battery, case, lanyard

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**WWALS** advocates for conservation and stewardship of the surface waters and groundwater of the Suwannee River Basin and Estuary, in south Georgia and north Florida, among them the Withlacoochee, Willacoochee, Alapaha, Little, Santa Fe, and Suwannee River watersheds, through education, awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen activities.

WWALS is the **WATERKEEPER®** Alliance member for the 10,000 square miles of the Suwannee River Basin in Florida and Georgia as **Suwannee RIVERKEEPER®**.



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