



Alapaha River Water Trail

Paddle wild and scenic Blackwater
from south Georgia to north Florida

Join a WWALS monthly paddle outing!

A dozen landings on 129 boatable river miles in two states:
 about 107 in Georgia and 22 in Florida.



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The Alapaha's tea-colored tannin waters class it as a blackwater river, flowing below bald cypress, longleaf, slash, and loblolly pines, and majestic oaks, with great blue herons, snapping turtles, alligators, and fish. Mostly flat, the Alapaha River also contains rapids, many springs, and the Alapaha Sink and the Dead River Sink where it goes underground until it comes back up in the Alapaha Rise on the Suwannee River in Hamilton County, Florida. Covering its entire flood plain in the rainy season, and less than a foot deep in spots during dry spells, the Alapaha River is a treasure and a challenge. The Alapaha River Water Trail also includes the Alapahoochee River, as well as many lakes, ponds, and swamps that are boatable year round.

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

Etiquette

1. Carry out all trash with you
2. Camp only where you know 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



Help Protect Your Watershed
 Become certified to perform Water Quality Testing
 Report invasive species to www.EDDMapS.org

Checklist

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

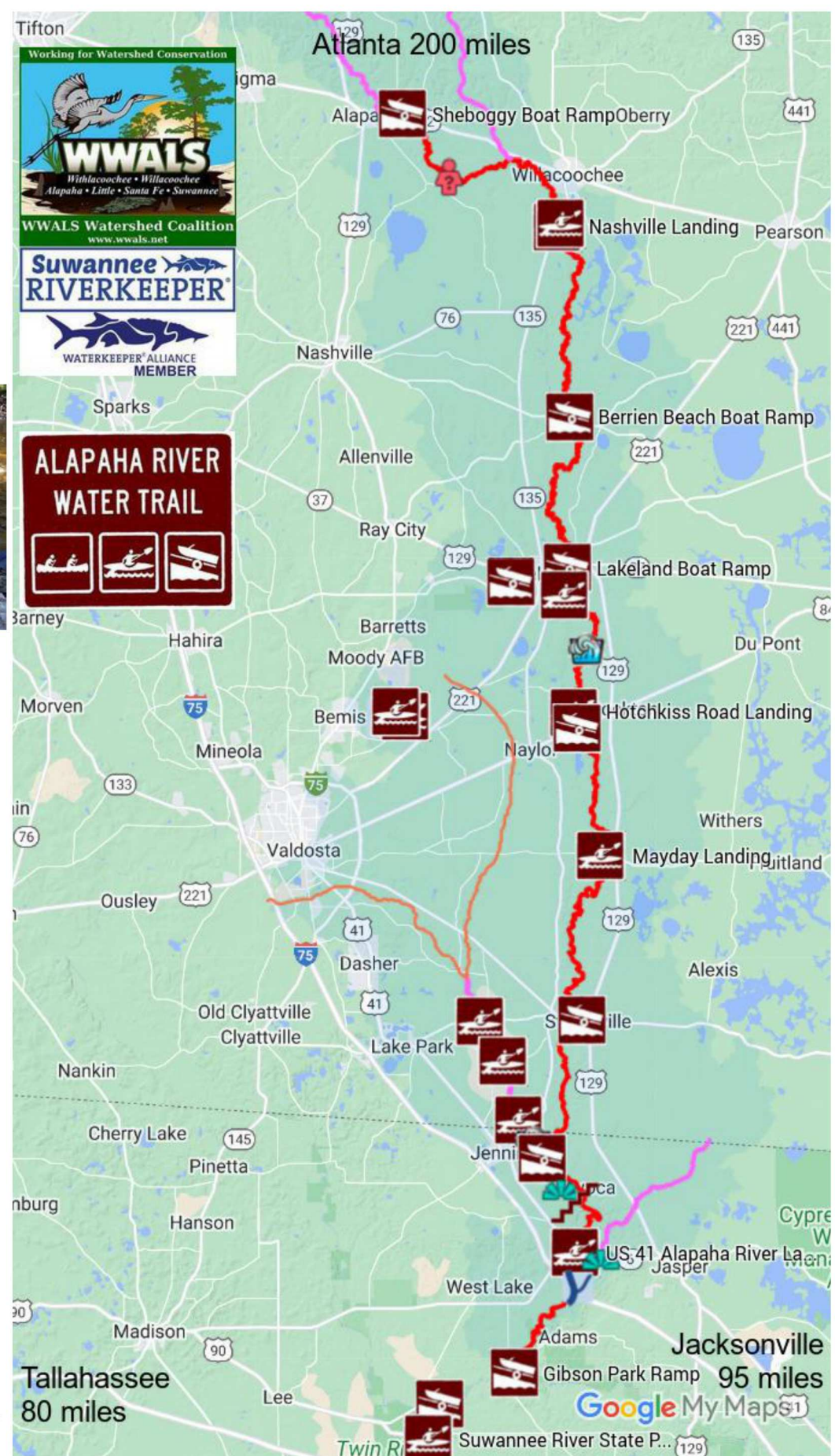
Always file a **float plan** so emergency responders can locate you.

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