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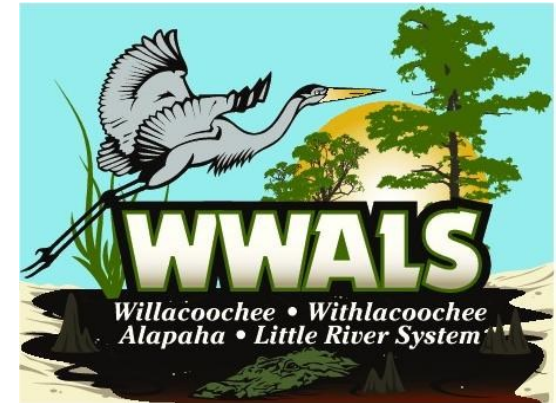
Our initial goal is to assess the effects, such as flooding and water quality, on the watershed by invasive species, construction and other human mediated activities using existing survey tools. These tools were developed by Georgia EPD, Riverkeepers and the Center for Invasive Species & Ecosystem Health, University of Georgia. Also, we plan to provide landowners in the watershed with educational materials and information on stewardship programs for which they may be eligible. In addition, presentations on our organization's objectives and volunteer training sessions to raise public awareness and recruit volunteers are planned for the year ahead. In order to reach these goals your generous contribution will be used for the purchase of equipment, and volunteer supplies. In addition to equipment purchases, the monies will be used to provide, presentations, reports and conferences to the community as well as training workshops for volunteers.

Your support of our organization and its events is greatly appreciated!

Your donation will help us to better inform the community, and to encourage citizens to become more active in watershed conservation which will benefit our local community, ecology, and economy.

Conservation will result in improved hunting, fishing and recreational activities.

For information on making a contribution please go to the WWALS website www.wwals.net/donations.



WWALS Watershed Coalition

Watershed assessments
Invasive species surveys
Public outreach materials
Volunteer training
Presentations
Workshops
Seminars

Established
June 8, 2012

Non-profit 501(c)(3)
Organization

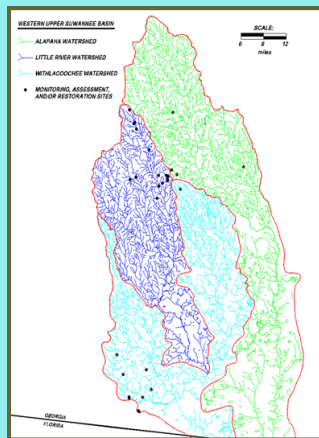
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Access Points

12 public access points, including 7 existing canoe launches or boat ramps and one in process:

- Atkinson County, GA: access at GA 135 plus Carolina Bays
- Berrien County, GA: canoe launches at US 82 and Berrien Beach at GA 136, plus access at GA 135
- Lanier County, GA: at Lakeland
- Lowndes County, GA: a boat ramp funded and in process at US 84
- Echols County, GA: a boat launch at Mayday and the GA-DNR boat ramp at Statenville
- Hamilton County, FL: Alapahoochee Launch, Jennings Bluff Launch, and the boat ramp at Gibson Park



Map of the WWALS Watershed Area

FAQs

What is WWALS?

WWALS Watershed Coalition is a Georgia not for profit corporation working as an advocacy organization for watershed conservation of the Willacoochee, Withlacoochee, Alapaha, and Little River Systems watershed in south Georgia and north Florida through awareness, environmental monitoring, and citizen advocacy.

Where do you meet?

WWALS holds a publicized event each month. In addition, the board meets quarterly, usually in Adel Georgia, developing strategies for watershed conservation; board meetings are open to the public.

How is this different from Rivers Alive or Adopt a Stream?

WWALS is an educational organization, seeking to work with the community at large to provide information about the conservation of the watersheds to land owners, recreational users, interested citizens, farmers, corporations and other interested parties. Our intent is not to duplicate any existing organizations but to identify resources, groups and issues which are an integral part of our watershed.

Are you a Riverkeeper?

No, but we will consider that role in the future if necessary.



Neill Herring, Helen Rogers, Jesslyn Shields, Bret Wagenhorst, Karan Rawlins, and Dave Hetzel presented at a well attended WWALS Symposium in Tifton September 22, 2012.



The Alapaha River Water Trail connects about 125 miles of the 202 mile Alapaha River from US 82 in Berrien County, Georgia to the Suwannee River in Hamilton County, Florida. Its 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. 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.