

Fun Facts About Okefenokee

Established:	1936
Administered by:	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Dept. of the Interior
Origin of Name:	Derived from Choctaw Indian words meaning “Land of the Trembling Earth” or “quivering earth”
Location:	Ware, Charlton and Clinch Counties, Georgia, and Baker County, Florida
Size:	
Okefenokee Swamp	438,000 acres (700 Square Miles) 38 miles north/south, 25 miles east/west
Okefenokee Refuge	402,000 acres (largest refuge east of the Mississippi).
National Wilderness Area	353,981 acres
Suwannee Canal	12 miles long
Elevation:	128 feet above sea level on the northeast side to 103 feet above sea level on the southwest side
Average Annual Temperature:	68 degrees F
Water Source:	95% from rainfall (annual rainfall average 60 inches), rest of water from freshwater springs
River Outlets:	The 280 mile Suwannee River flows from the west side of the swamp to the Gulf of Mexico. The 190 mile St. Marys River flows from the southeastern side of the swamp into the Atlantic Ocean
Habitats:	Lakes and Open Water, Forested Wetlands, Prairie, Scrub-shrub, Upland Forest
Species:	
Plant species	621, including longleaf pine, sundews, pitcher plants
Mammal species	50, including black bear, bobcat, foxes, squirrels
Reptile species	64, including alligator, rat snakes, anole, turtles
Amphibian species	37, including frogs, toads, salamanders, siren
Fish species	39, including gar, mosquitofish, bass, bowfin, flier
Bird species	233, including herons, warblers, woodpeckers
Insect species	More than anyone has been able to count
Endangered/Threatened Species	Red-cockaded woodpecker, gopher tortoise, wood stork, indigo snake

(Additional information including animal lists are available online at www.fws.gov/okefenokee)