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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge FALL Hours in Effect for Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center and Refuge Grounds

Folkston, GA... With fall just around the corner and more comfortable weather for planning your next trip to the refuge, expanded hours of operation for the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center are being implemented to accommodate our visitors during this season. Beginning on September 1, the Visitor Center will be open DAILY from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The refuge grounds, Okefenokee Adventures, water trails, and Swamp Island Drive are open daily from 30 minutes before sunrise to 7:30 p.m., from September 1 – October 31. Beginning November 1, the grounds will be open from 30 minutes before sunrise to 5:30 p.m. The refuge adjusts the hours of the grounds and the concession operation to align closely with daylight hours.

The Suwannee Canal Recreation Area is the Main Entrance to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and is the access point for the Suwannee Canal (day-use and overnight boating trails), the Swamp Island Drive, Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center, and the concession operation, Okefenokee Adventures.

To confirm water trail conditions and any trail closures that may be in place, please call the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 or Okefenokee Adventures at 912-496-7156. You can also visit our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information and to plan your visit.

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The Main Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is the primary entrance managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is located 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA off Hwy 121/23. Entrance fees are \$5 per vehicle/\$1 per bicycle for a daily pass (good for 7 days). Annual passes are also available. The refuge is open daily and offers a variety of opportunities for the visiting public. Call 912-496-7836 or visit the refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for hours of operation, upcoming events, and entrance fee information.

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