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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge SUMMER Hours in Effect for Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center

Folkston, GA... With the heat and humidity of the summer months of south Georgia, the refuge is implementing our summer hours of operation for the Main Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area) located near Folkston. The Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., closed on Sunday and Monday. The refuge grounds, Okefenokee Adventures, water trails, and Swamp Island Drive are open daily from 30 minutes before sunrise to 7:30 P.M.

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 trail conditions and any 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.

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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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