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# News Release



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## **Okefenokee Hosts Fall Nature Photography Workshop with John Reed**

Folkston, GA.....Acclaimed photographer John Reed will present his Fall Nature Photography Workshop at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge on November 15 and 16, 2014. The two-day workshop consists of classroom and hands-on exercises on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and hands-on photography in the field on Sunday morning from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Participants must provide their own camera and any other photographic equipment they need. All photography skill levels are welcome.

The Saturday class will be a camera “bootcamp” – with all morning shooting at the Chesser Island Boardwalk with field lessons and tips. The afternoon will be all classroom instruction. Sunday consists of a full morning of field photography exploring the refuge, wrapping up at the historic Chesser Island Homestead, with Reed available to answer questions and offer tips and advice. The focus will be on photographing the plants, flowers, and birds that may be seen in early November, as well as the ever-present alligators.

Cost: If payment is received in advance, the cost for the 2-day workshop is \$65. If interested only in the Saturday session, the cost is \$50 (\$55 at the door) and the Sunday session is \$25 (\$30 at the door). The workshop is sponsored in part by the Okefenokee Wildlife League, the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, and John Reed Photography. For registration and information, call the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. General refuge entrance fees apply to workshop participants.

Photo: Muscadine wears its fall colors - by John Reed

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The Suwannee Canal Recreation Area (East Entrance) 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. 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](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee) for hours of operation, upcoming events, and entrance fee information.

*The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to our events for all participants. Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in our events should contact Susan Heisey at (912) 496-7366 ext. 233 or [Susan\\_Heisey@fws.gov](mailto:Susan_Heisey@fws.gov). In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please contact us for assistance at least five business days before the event.*

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