You SHOULD carry the following items: Sun protection (SPF 15+, wide brim hat, light-colored clothing, sunglasses)
Insect repellent
Map of canoe trails
Sunscreen
Cook stove and fuel
Flashlight
Toilet paper
Waterproof bags
Cooking gear
Cord to tie down tent
Bailer
Duct tape for emergency repairs
First Aid Kit
Coast Guard approved flotation device for each person
In case of an emergency, it is important to know what to do. If you are lost or injured, you should:
- Stay calm and use cognitive strategies to stay focused on what needs to be done.
- Make sure you have a way to communicate your location to rescue personnel.
- Use natural landmarks to orient yourself.
- Look for signs of water, such as freshly dug holes or mud, which may indicate a nearby water source.
- Use natural features, such as trees or rocks, to mark your location.
- Use natural objects, such as leaves or sticks, to create a signal.
- Use natural sounds, such as bird calls or river noise, to orient yourself.
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A canoe trip through the Okefenokee Swamp is an experience that you will remember for a lifetime. Wildlife and scenery are masked only by theapiro and quiet of the swamp. Traveling through tall grasses and water lilies, visitors are able to encounter the herons, terns, egrets, ospreys, and great blue herons that call the swamp home. These birds are just part of the abundant wildlife species that can be found within the swamp. Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is home to an array of wildlife, including the alligator, the crocodile, and the gopher frog. The Okefenokee Swamp is a special place, and visitors should be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.

What is Wilderness?

Wilderness is a wild or undisturbed natural environment, which is preserved and protected in its natural condition by the actions of man. The principle of wilderness prescribes that the natural condition of the land, water, and wildlife shall be preserved in perpetuity, and that the wilderness shall be a place where people may come to be in contact with nature.

What is the Okefenokee?

The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is located in the southern part of Georgia. The refuge encompasses 460,000 acres of wetlands, forests, and prairies. The Okefenokee Swamp is the largest and one of the most biologically diverse swamps in the world. The refuge offers a unique opportunity for visitors to explore and experience the natural beauty of the swamp.

What Are You Responsible For?

When you leave the refuge, you have certain responsibilities for your safety and the protection of the natural resources. You are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others around you. You must make sure that you have proper preparation for your trip. Cell phone coverage may be limited in the Okefenokee Swamp, so it is essential to have a map and a compass to stay oriented.

Before Your Trip

Choose a date that is not too hot or too cool. Plan your trip during the late spring or fall when the weather is pleasant. You should choose to bring communication and navigational equipment, including a compass and a map. You must carry your own food and water supplies, as well as all necessary equipment and clothing. You must also have a permit to camp in the Okefenokee Swamp.

Getting to the Refuge

You can arrive at the refuge by car, bus, or airplane. You must reserve your permit by calling the Okefenokee Swamp via the phone number 912/496-7836. You must complete any additions or changes to your permit within 30 days of the date that you are planning to enter the refuge.

When you arrive at the refuge, you must present your permit and a photo ID to the refuge staff. You must also be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.

Staying on Designated Trails

You must stay on designated trails to ensure your safety and the safety of others around you. You must also be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.

After Your Permit Reservation Is Made

You must complete any additions or changes to your permit within 30 days of the date that you are planning to enter the refuge. You must also present your permit and a photo ID to the refuge staff when you arrive at the refuge.

Avoid Loud Voices

You must avoid loud voices and keep noise to a minimum. You must also be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.

Respect Wildlife

You must not feed or attempt to feed wildlife. You must also be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

You must avoid loud voices and noise. Be courteous to other paddlers.

How Can I Cancel a Permit?

If you are unable to cancel your permit, you must be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources. You must also be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.

What Should I Do if I See Smoke?

If you see smoke, you must be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources. You must also be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.

What if I See a Need to Evacuate?

If you see a need to evacuate, you must be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources. You must also be prepared to follow the rules and regulations in place to protect the area's natural resources.