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Information Bulletin



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Okefenokee NWR Announces Photography Contest Winning Photo Featured on the 2022 Refuge-Specific Annual Pass

Folkston, GA.....The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is now accepting entries for our annual Nature Photography Contest. Nature photography is unmatched at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge ranging from beautiful landscapes and unique flora to abundant wildlife, including endangered species and plentiful migratory birds throughout the year. Okefenokee's amateur photography contest is a testament to the majesty of the refuge and to our visitors' photography skills. The winning photo will be featured on the 2022 Okefenokee NWR annual pass and may also be used in promotional materials for the refuge.

The refuge will accept entries from amateur, non-professional photographers only. Entries must be received by September 30, 2021 to be eligible in the contest. All photo entries must be taken on the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. For a full list of rules and entry information, please visit the refuge website at: www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee

Okefenokee is also pleased to announce the return of photographer John Reed this autumn to host the Fall Nature Photography Workshop. Although happening after the submission period for the photo contest, this one-day instructional and hands-on workshop is a great way for photographers of any skill level to practice and refine their skills with an award-winning local photographer. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 13th from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost for this one-day workshop is \$60. You can register in advance by calling the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 (leave a detailed voicemail if no one answers) OR by emailing: Okefenokee@fws.gov

Get outdoors, bring your camera, and visit the refuge today!

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The Suwannee Canal Recreation Area is the main entrance to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge 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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