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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge FALL Hours

Folkston, GA... With the chill of Fall in the air, the refuge is implementing our Fall/Winter hours of operation for the Main Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area) located near Folkston. Beginning on November 1, 2016, this refuge entrance will begin closing at 5:30 P.M. With the Fall time-change coming on Sunday November 6, this will align the hours of operation very closely with daylight hours and will be in effect until March 1, 2017. The opening time will continue to be 30 minutes before sunrise.

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.

Additionally, the entire Okefenokee Swamp is feeling the impacts of drier conditions as is much of the state of Georgia. To confirm trail conditions and any closures that may be in place, please call the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836 daily from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. 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.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov. Connect with our Facebook pages at www.facebook.com/okefenokeewildliferefuge or www.facebook.com/usfwssoutheast