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Nature Photography Workshop with John Reed Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

Folkston, GA....Local award winning and widely published nature photographer, John Reed, will conduct a Spring Nature Photography Workshop at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, March 10 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.). “March is a wonderful time to photograph at Okefenokee. Winter is on the wane and spring is just around the corner. Cool days with warm sun, and the biting insects aren't yet out looking for their lunch” says Reed. “The iconic alligators are there up close, plus all manner of birds, flowers, beautiful landscapes, and perhaps even a bobcat, raccoon, fox squirrel, bear or more! You never know what you'll see”.

Go back in time to the Chesser Island Homestead for a taste of what early life on the swamp was like. Even if you've been here before, every visit is different. Photography here is a blast with this sort of variety.

Spend the day with us enjoying this magical place; learning fundamentals to take memories home through photos you create. The workshop includes both classroom instruction and roaming the refuge to apply your new photography skills to capture, save, and share your day.

Cost for the workshop is \$60 in advance. Walk-ins will be welcome as space permits for an additional \$5 fee. The workshop is sponsored 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 between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The \$5 entrance fee to the refuge is not included in the workshop cost.

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The Main Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is 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 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. 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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