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Okefenokee NWR Announces SUMMER Hours of Operation Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center

Folkston, GA... Beginning on June 1, 2019, the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center will modify hours of operation to be open Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., closed on Sunday and Monday. This schedule is due to lower visitation and fewer staff/volunteers and will continue through the end of August.

The Main Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is open from ½ hour before sunrise to 7:30 p.m., every day. The Swamp Island Drive gate closes at 6:00 p.m., and all guests must be off the drive by 7:00 p.m. All boaters (canoes, kayaks, and boats with small motors) must be off the water trails by 6:00 p.m. The hours of the onsite concession, Okefenokee Adventures, are consistent with the refuge hours and are open daily from ½ hour before sunrise to 7:30 p.m.

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. Additional visitor areas include the Chesser Island Boardwalk and Chesser Island Homestead.

Visitors can enjoy a variety of activities such as participating in guided boat tours with Okefenokee Adventures, fishing, hiking, and more. Visit the refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information or contact the Richard S. Bolt Visitor Center at 912-496-7836.

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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.

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