



Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge **Wilderness Camping Permit** **Rules and Regulations**

- All general refuge rules and regulations apply to Wilderness Camping Permits.
- The Wilderness Camping Permit must be carried by the group leader. The group leader is responsible for printing the permit and all associated vehicle placards. PERMITS and PLACARDS will not be able to be issued on site.
- Parties must launch before 10:00 am to ensure that the overnight stop is reached before dark each day. All members of the party must be present at time of departure.
- You must remain at the designated overnight area between sunset and sunrise. Each party must leave the platform by 10:00 am.
- Each party must sign-in/out when entering and leaving the swamp. Each entrance has a sign in logbook either located at the boat ramp or the concession area.
- Follow the route exactly as it is on your permit. Do not leave the designated trail.
- Pets, swimming, motorized vessels, and fires (except in designated areas) are prohibited.
- Children under 13 must wear a PFD. All individuals on the water must have a PFD with them.
- Open fires (wood or charcoal) are permitted only at Canal Run, Cravens Hammock, Mixons Hammock, and Floyds Island. Restrictions may be put in place during high fire danger. No firewood may be brought in from outside the local area, visit dontmovefirewood.org for more information. Firewood can be purchased from the Stephen C. Foster State Park and Okefenokee Adventures.
- Keep trails free from litter. Leave no trace ([link to https://Int.org/learn/7-principles](https://Int.org/learn/7-principles)); pack it in, pack it out.
- Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms will comply with all provisions of state and local law. Firearms are prohibited in all buildings. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32).
- The collection and/or capturing of any plant and/or animal is strictly prohibited. Do not approach, feed, or harass alligators.
- All licenses, permits, equipment, and effects, including vehicles and canoes are subject to inspection by state and federal officers.
- All state, federal and county laws regarding alcohol consumption are strictly enforced.