

Savannah and Georgia Coast Outdoor Recreation Fact Sheet

State Parks

All Parks: <http://gastateparks.org>, or call 1-800-864-7275

Skidaway Island: 15 miles SE of Savannah, camping, day use areas, playgrounds. On the intra-coastal waterway, excellent site for birding and wildlife watching.

Fort McAllister: Earthen fort, visitor center, day use areas, camping, cottages. South bank of Ogeechee River.

Sapelo Island: Darien GA, mainland visitor center, guided island tours highlight the isolated Gullah/Geechee community of Hog Hammock, University of Georgia Marine Institute, Reynolds Mansion and newly restored lighthouse.

Crooked River: near St. Mary's and Cumberland Island ferry. Camping, cottages and day use areas.

Laura S. Walker: Golf, camping, day use areas just north of the Okefenokee Swamp National Wilderness Area.

National Park System

Cumberland Island National Seashore: <http://www.nps.gov/cuis>, bridgeless island, requires National Park Service ferry. Great wildlife! Day trips or overnight camping (backcountry permit required) number of visitors per day is limited. Reservations call 877-860-6787; for visitor center call 912-882-4336 ext. 254.

Fort Pulaski National Monument: <http://www.nps.gov/fopu>, 8 miles from downtown Savannah. Historical fort with significance in the Civil War, restored fortifications and visitor center. Call 912-786-5787.

National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area

Okefenokee Swamp: <http://www.fws.gov/okefenokee/>, 438,000 acre swamp and wilderness. Visitor center, boating, fishing, hiking, wilderness canoe trips. Great wildlife (including alligators)! Folkston GA, near Waycross. Call 912.496.7836.

Kayaking

Anyone interested in participating in a sea kayak guided trip should contact Tommy Bass, tmbass@engr.uga.edu, 706.452.2735 (UGA Cooperative Extension) who will organize with an outfitter.

SKG: <http://www.seakayakga.com>, located on Tybee Island 13 miles from downtown Savannah, call: 888.KAYAK.GA.

SE Adventure Outfitters: <http://www.southeastadventure.com>, St. Simons Island, call 912-638-6732.

Fishing

Georgia DNR: <http://georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us>, information regarding fresh and salt water regulations. Inshore fishing with medium weight tackle can be great. A quick internet (google) search reveals many commercial charter services.

Golf

There are more than 20 golf courses in the immediate Savannah area. Search online or get help from the conference and visitors bureau: <http://www.savcvb.com>.