

Ochlockonee River (Upper) Canoe Trail

The narrow Ochlockonee twists and bends around cypress knees in the Florida Panhandle.

The Ochlockonee River (Upper) Canoe Trail is officially designated as part of Florida's Statewide System of Greenways and Trails. Beginning near the Georgia line, the Upper Ochlockonee winds its way toward Lake Talquin. The river is shallow and often silty. Willow trees line this narrow river. During low water, there will be some portaging and pullovers. The woodlands along the river are home to wildlife common in the Panhandle, including deer, wild hog, opossum, raccoon, and many kinds of wading birds.



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Counties: Gadsden, Leon

Mileage: 26

Skill Level: Beginner

Difficulty: Easy

Usual Current: Average (2-3 mph)

Notes and Precautions

SR 157 is the recommended starting point during low water. It is illegal to leave cars on the I-10 bridge. No access on US 27 north. Hunting occurs during season, especially from SR 12 to SR 157 (Limited campsites). Heavy motorboat traffic at Old Bainbridge Road (SR 157) and at US 90.

Access

1. SR 12 Bridge.
2. SR 157 Bridge – (14 miles)
3. Tower Road – From SR 263, go west on Tower Road about 2 miles to landing. (6 miles)
4. US 90 Bridge – (6 miles)

There may be access points (both public and private) in addition to those listed here. Please remember that some sites require a fee for launching and/or parking.



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