

Crooked River State Park

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Located on Georgia's Colonial Coast, this park offers cozy facilities in a beautiful setting. Campsites are surrounded by Spanish moss-draped oaks while cottages overlook the river or marsh. Hikers can explore the nature trails which wind through maritime, pine and bay forests into salt marshes and over archaeological shell middens. Our boat ramp is popular with anglers

who often take to the water before sunrise. Visitors may venture to the nearby ruins of the tabby McIntosh Sugar Works mill, built around 1825 and later used as a starch factory during the Civil War. Just down the road is the ferry to famous Cumberland Island National Seashore, known for wild horses and mansion ruins.

Park Information

Park Hours (Gates Lock at 10 p.m.).....7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
 Office Hours Fri - Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Address6222 Charlie Smith Sr. Hwy.,
 St. Marys, GA 31558
 LocationTen miles north of St. Marys on GA Spur 40
 County.....Camden County
 Park Telephone.....(912) 882-5256
 Reservations GaStateParks.org or 1-800-864-7275
 Website.....GaStateParks.org/CrookedRiver
 North Star Bait & Tackle (bait shop)(912) 729-8018
 Hours6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 (closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
 Visitor Center Wi-Fi.....No password necessary.

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Activities, Facilities & Bird Blind

Camping — The park offers 62 RV and tent sites with water and electrical hook-ups and a sanitary disposal station. Two comfort stations with toilets and hot showers are centrally located. Leashed dogs allowed.

Cottages — Eleven fully equipped cottages may be reserved up to 13 months in advance. All have a screened porch, cable tv, grill and picnic table. Cottages 1-5 have views of the open river, and cottages 6-11 have views of the marsh with the river in the background. Dogs are allowed in cottages 1, 4, 10 and 11 only. Pets are not permitted in or around other cottages.

Birding — A 20-foot long bird blind allows enthusiasts and photographers to closely observe painted buntings, red wing blackbirds, ruby throated hummingbirds, American goldfinches and other species.

Picnicking — There are 75 picnic tables, four shelters and two group shelters available. The group shelters must be reserved in advance. Other shelters can be reserved and are available first-come, first-served. Visitors are asked to use only designated picnic areas.

Fishing — Park offers salt water fishing throughout the year. A courtesy dock and boat launch area are provided for access to Crooked River. For salt water fishing, persons age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license. The park offers a full service bait shop for all of your fishing needs.

Boating — Private boats are permitted on the waters bordering the park. A boat launch ramp is available. There are no horsepower limitations. Water skiing is not recommended due to hazards in the river and currents encountered during ebb tides. All boats must comply with the Georgia Boating Safety Law and park rules and regulations.

Mini Golf — An 18-hole miniature golf course is open 9 a.m. to sunset.

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources,
 2610 Highway 155, Stockbridge, GA 30281
 (770) 389-7286, GaStateParks.org

In Case of Emergency, dial 911

Park residences are indicated on the map.
 The nearest hospital: **Southeast Georgia Health Systems Camden Campus. Phone: 912-576-6200** Take left on C. Smith Highway spur 40. Turn right on Kings Bay Rd. (1st light) and continue to Lakeshore Dr. Turn left to hospital.
After Visitor Center Hours On-Call Ranger (Non-medical emergency) 802-322-4242

All park rules and regulations are posted for your convenience at the park office and must be observed by all park visitors.

Parkpass - A parking fee is required and is valid for all parks visited that day. Proceeds go toward park maintenance. Frequent visitors can save money by purchasing an Annual ParkPass or membership in Friends of Georgia State Parks.

Nature Center: Spring, summer, fall or winter, there is always something hoppin'. See our live snakes, turtles and honey bee observation hive. Weekend programs with our Naturalist exploring the natural wonders of the park can teach you to bird, fish or survive in the woods. Learn what you can do to improve wildlife habitat in your own backyard. Located atop the Crooked River Bluff, the park is approximately 500 acres and is home to several unique plant communities. Showcased are the Bay Swamp, Marsh, Longleaf Pine/Palmetto and mixed hardwood environments. These habitats are focal points for the animal communities including the colorful and notorious painted bunting. Walk our trails and see advanced successional stages of forest displaying a wide variety of plants, many of which are rare in Georgia. Shell middens left by Native Americans are prevalent and lead up to the marshes edge overlooking the Crooked River. Come see the local alligators, herons and gopher tortoises that require these special habitats to survive.

Important Park Guidelines

Motor Vehicles and Golf Carts: Only legally licensed and insured vehicles including golf carts may be operated on State Parks. They must have licensed drivers and follow one way roads and traffic. ATVs and other forms of motorized transportation are prohibited.

Camp Sites: All camping equipment and vehicles must be within the campsite defined by the site timbers and tent pad. 6 people per site maximum.

Pets: Pets are welcome provided they are kept on a six foot leash and are attended at all times. Pets are not allowed in bathroom facilities.

Visitors: Visitors are welcome; however, must not exceed the capacity of the facility, their vehicles require a park pass, and they must exit the park prior to closing time of 10:00 p.m. if they are not overnight guests.

Nearby Attractions

- Cumberland Island National Seashore
- Jekyll Island Historic Area and Beach
- Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
- Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site
- Submarine Museum
- Trident Lakes Golf Course

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Gate Code:
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 10:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.



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