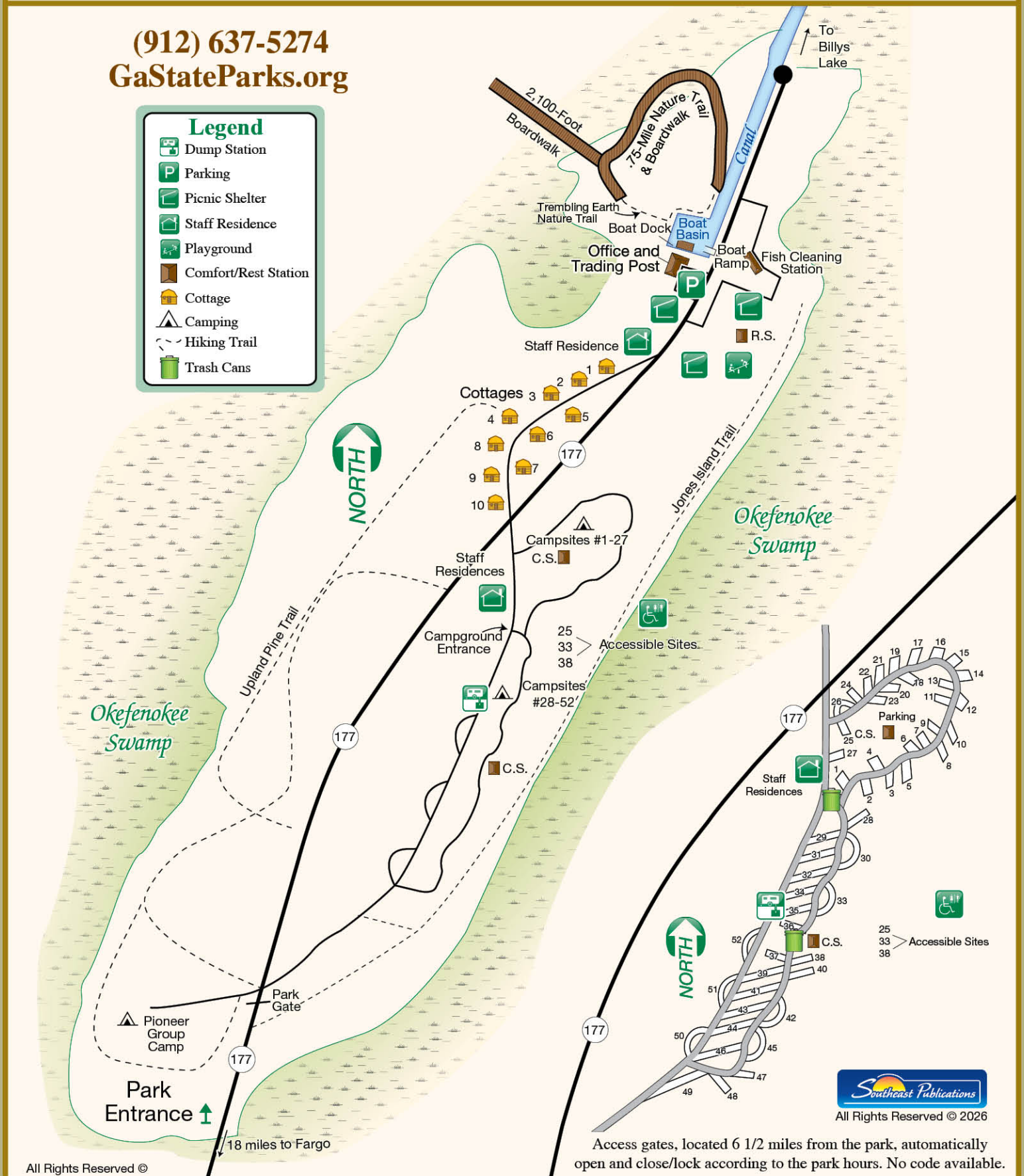
Okefenokee State Park

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Access gates, located 6 1/2 miles from the park, automatically open and close/lock according to the park hours. No code available.

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Okefenokee State Park is a primary entrance to the famed Okefenokee Swamp and is one of the most intriguing areas in Georgia. Moss-laced cypress trees reflect off the black swamp waters, providing breathtaking scenery. Visitors can look for alligators, turtles, raccoons, black bears, deer, 223 species of birds and numerous other creatures while on the park's boardwalk or on a guided boat trip. More adventurous visitors may rent motorized boats, canoes and kayaks for further exploration, including a trip to historic Billy's Island. The park sells drinks, snacks, ice, books and t-shirts. Because the park is located within a National Wildlife Refuge, gates are locked at closing time and an entrance fee is charged.

Park Information

Gates Open.....7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Gates are located 6.5 miles from the park and open/close automatically. No after-hour entry is allowed.
Park Office Hours .....8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Address ..... 17515 Hwy. 177, Fargo, GA 31631
Location .....18 Miles N.E. of Fargo off GA Hwy. 177
Park Telephone ..... (912) 637-5274
Reservations..... GaStateParks.org or 1-800-864-7275
Website .....GaStateParks.org
Wi-Fi available at trading post.

Entrance Fee - The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service requires Okefenokee State Park to collect a per car entry fee into the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge.

Watch for Alligators

Be aware that alligators are not tame and can be dangerous. Do not feed or approach them. Keep pets leashed and away from the water's edge. Do not throw anything at them. Alligators have been known to attack dogs.

In Case of Emergency - Dial 911

Cell phones rarely work inside the park. Park staff residents are indicated on the map.

Park After Hours Emergency.....(912) 217-3102
Clinch County Sheriff.....(912) 487-5315
Charlton County Sheriff.....(912) 496-2281
E.M.T./Hospital (Homerville).....(912) 487-5211
South Ga. Medical Center (Valdosta).....(229) 333-1110

The nearest medical/emergency facilities are located in Homerville, approximately 55 miles from the park on Hwy. 441 North, and in Valdosta at South Georgia Medical Center, approximately 65 miles from the park.

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

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

Nearby Attractions

- Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge
- Suwannee Canal Recreation Area
- Fargo Golf Course
- Laura S. Walker State Park and Golf Course
- Okefenokee Swamp Park

Activities and Facilities

Camping - Two camping areas provide 52 campsites with water and electrical hook-ups, picnic tables and grills. Each camping area has hot showers, flush toilets and laundry facilities. There is a sanitary disposal station at camping area #2. A pioneer camping area is available to organized groups.

Cottages - There are nine air-conditioned and heated cottages, each with two bedrooms, kitchen, utensils, towels and linens. Georgia residents can make reservations up to 14 months in advance, (non-residents 13 months). The minimum stay is two nights. Ask about our pet policy.

Picnicking - Covered picnic shelters may be reserved and are available on a first-come, first-served basis at other times. Picnic tables are located throughout the park.

Fishing - National Wildlife Refuge waters are open for legal fishing year-round. A fishing dock and boat launching area are provided. Persons age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license.

Boating - Rental boats, canoes and motor boats are available when water levels are high. Private boats with a 10-horsepower limitation may launch at the park's ramp. All boating must comply with the Georgia Boating Safety Law.

Swamp Tours - Boat tours of the swamp are offered year-round. Group tours are available with advance reservations.

Fires - Fires permitted in campfire pits and grills only.

Swimming - Swimming is prohibited in refuge waters.

Suwannee River Eco-Lodge

Located 17 miles southwest of the park and 1/2 mile north of Fargo. The entrance is across from the Fargo Golf Course.
Operated by Okefenokee State Park, this is a unique location for hunting retreats, paddling vacations, reunions, meetings and weddings. Surrounded by pine-scented forest, it offers exceptional privacy for individuals and groups. The Eco-lodge is made up of 10 rental cottages, a conference room, smaller meeting room, BBQ shelter and commercial kitchen. Guests may rent a portion or all of the facility.

Star Gazing

Okefenokee State Park has been recognized by the International Dark-Sky Association as a "Dark Sky Park", meaning minimal light pollution makes your star gazing experience exceptional. Ask park staff about astronomy programs.

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