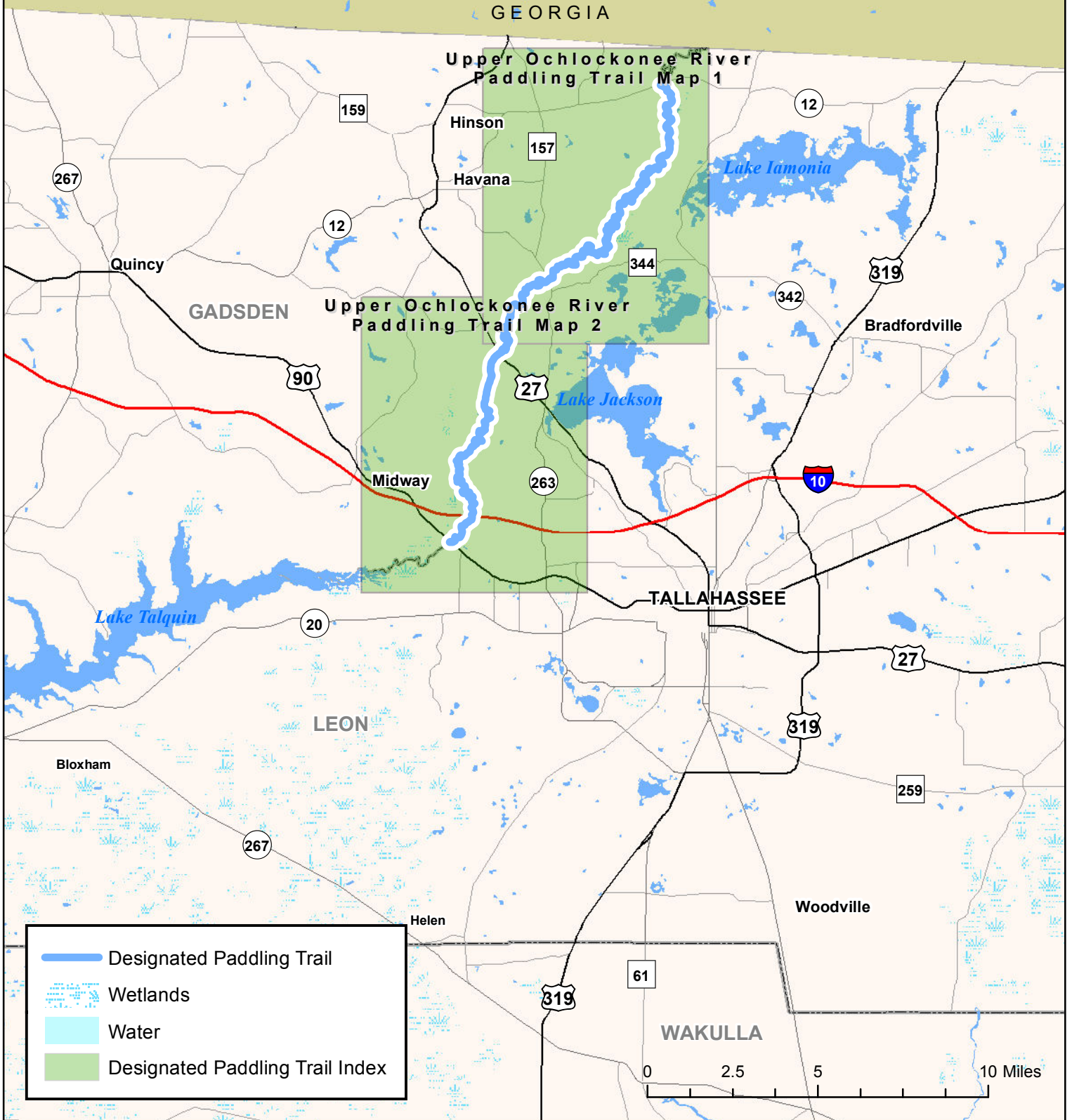


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Florida Designated Paddling Trails

Upper Ochlockonee River



Upper Ochlockonee River Paddling Trail Map 1

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Bell Rd

Cairo Concord Rd

Concord

12

Access Point 1: SR 12
N: 30.6689 W: -84.3051

Havana



12

Concord Rd

Kemp Rd

River Ridge Plantation Conservation Easement

Hiamonee Plantation Conservation Easement

River Ridge Plantation Conservation Easement

Mertian Rd

Tall Timbers Research Station & Land Conservancy

Lake Jamonia

GADSDEN
LEON

Iron Bridge Rd

Orchard Pond Rd

Mallard Pond

Carr Lake

Access Point 2: Old Bainbridge Rd Bridge
N: 30.5858 W: -84.3594

Old Bainbridge Rd

27

0 0.5 1 2 Miles

- Upper Ochlockonee River Paddling Trail
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Conservation Lands
- Wetlands

Upper Ochlockonee River Paddling Trail Map 2

N

RCM Farms Conservation Easement

270

159

27

Access Point 3: Tower Rd
N: 30.5286 W: -84.3894

GADSDEN
LEON

Tower Rd

Coastal Forest Resources Conservation Easement

Lake Jackson

Dupont Rd

Old Bainbridge Rd

Lake Talquin State Forest

Capitol Circle NW

Fred George Greenway

Midway

Fred George Rd

Brickyard Rd

Thompson/Gray Conservation Easement

Ochlockonee

10

Gearhart Rd

90

Lake Talquin State Forest

Mission Rd

Joe Budd Wildlife Mgmt Area

Access Point 4: US 90
N: 30.4734 W: -84.4072

Commonwealth Blvd

Geddie Rd

Lake Talquin State Forest

- Upper Ochlockonee River Paddling Trail
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Conservation Lands
- Wetlands

0 0.5 1 2 Miles



Upper Ochlocknee River Paddling Trail Guide



The Waterway

Beginning near the Georgia line, the narrow upper portion of the upper [Ochlocknee](#) River twists around cypress knees and log jams as it flows toward Lake Talquin. The river originates in Worth County, Georgia, and flows 206-mile southward to Ochlocknee Bay. Most of this river corridor is completely undeveloped, surprising when considering that the City of Tallahassee is only a few miles away. The Upper Ochlocknee Paddling Trail empties into Lake Talquin and then reemerges below the Talquin Dam just above SR 20, renamed the Lower Ochlocknee River, another [designated state paddling trail](#). Lake Talquin is an impoundment of the Ochlocknee River built in 1929 for power generation and very popular fishing and recreation area.

The Paddling Experience

The designated portion of the river is 27 miles long. However, the first 15-miles from the SR 12 Bridge to the Old Bainbridge Road Bridge is a very challenging with numerous blockages and downed trees making it barely navigable. A better option is to paddle 12 miles of the river below the Old Bainbridge Road Bridge with fewer of these challenges. If the USGS [gauge level](#) is below 12.5 feet, expect numerous pullovers or portages. Do not attempt to park or access the river from US 27. Access points are remote and not well-developed, so leave unattended vehicles at your own risk.

Access Points

#1, Start of the Trail, SR 12

Directions: From Tallahassee travel north on Meridian Road (SR 155) to SR 12. Turn left (west) and proceed to bridge and unimproved boat launch at southwest side of the bridge

#2, Mile 15, Old Bainbridge Road Bridge (SR 157)

Access is on the northeast side of the bridge. *Directions: From Tallahassee take US 27 (Monroe Street) north about 5 miles past I-10 to CR 157 (Old Bainbridge Road). Turn right on Old Bainbridge Road and travel about 3.5 miles to the bridge over the river.*

#3, Mile 21, Tower Road

From Tower Road the river flows downstream through [Lake Talquin State Forest](#). *Directions: From Tallahassee travel north on CR 157 (Old Bainbridge Road) about a quarter mile after it merges with CR 263 (Capital Circle Northwest). Just before US 27, turn left on Tower Road and proceed about 1.6 miles to the unimproved landing where the road dead ends at the river.*

#4, Mile 27, End of the Trail, US 90

Boat ramp and parking is located on the southwest side of the Ochlocknee River Bridge. *Directions: From CR 273 (Capital Circle Northwest) in Tallahassee, travel west on US 90 about 3 miles.*