River Access

What	Why	Cost
Troupville River Park on GA 133 across from Val Tech Road, in the historic site of Troupville, former Lowndes County seat, on the Little and Withlacoochee Rivers down to Little River Confluence. https://wwwals.net/?p=53453	Purchase the 74.14 acres of Land Between the Rivers to add to 49.36 acre VLPRA park, to create 123-acre nature preserve and multi-use destination park. Outdoor classes on botany, forestry, geology, archaeology, art. Can be implemented in phases.	\$123,000 to purchase the land, up to \$1.5 million total capex, with GORA as likely grant source, leaving around \$150,000 cash match. Plus up to \$450,000 annual opex, with reductions possible from in-kind implementation and volunteer maintenance, and could be partly offset by park entrance fee. <i>See also WLRWT</i> .
Troupville River Camp, part of Troupville River Park, on both the Little and Withlacoochee Rivers. https://wwals.net/?p=51512	Encourage paddle access and overnight camping, thus promoting eco-tourism. Improve water quality with bathrooms.	Up to \$600,000 for the River Camp facilities: air conditioned bathrooms, hot and cold water, 5 screened sleeping platforms, picnic tables, benches, fire pits, paddle boat racks and river access. Opex could be mostly handled by a live-in (six month term) camp host in an RV, and volunteer assistance. See also <u>WLRWT</u> .
Little River Road Landing on the Little River.	Public access to the Little River on Lowndes County's acre on Little River Road would break up the 25-mile paddle from Folsom Bridge to Troupville Boat Ramp, thus encouraging more paddlers.	Road grading, slight improvements to river access (no boat ramp needed) trash can, fishing line container, trash pickup. Or put in a boat ramp, from \$2,000 (Berrien County model) to \$250,000 (GA-DNR model). See <u>WLRWT</u> .
Fix Folsom Bridge Landing access road off GA 122 to the Little River. A popular fishing spot.	Many potholes. Fixing them would encourage paddling downstream 17 miles to Little River Road Landing, or the 25 miles to Troupville Boat Ramp.	Probably a few thousand dollars of road grading plus perhaps some fill dirt. <i>See WLRWT</i> . Add fishing line collection containers and tamper-proof trash cans.
Fix Hagan Bridge Landing access road off GA 122 to the Withlacoochee River. This is a popular fishing spot.	In better shape than Folsom Bridge Landing, but room for improvement. Encourage paddling the quite interesting 5 river miles downstream to Franklinville Landing.	Probably a few thousand dollars of road grading plus perhaps some fill dirt. <i>See WLRWT</i> . Add fishing line collection containers and tamper-proof trash cans.
Improve parking and access at Franklinville Landing on the Withlacoochee River. Tyler Bridge is popular for fishing.	Encourage paddling from Hagan Bridge and 5.5 mi. downstream to Staten Road or 5.5 more to Langdale Park Boat Ramp.	Probably a few thousand dollars of road grading plus perhaps some fill dirt. Maybe a bit of riverside access improvement. <i>See WLRWT</i> . Add fishing line collection containers and tamper-proof trash cans.
Provide access at Staten Road Landing on the Withlacoochee River. Old access is on private land and posted now.	Encourage paddling from Franklinville Landing, or farther downstream 5.5 river miles to Langdale Park Boat Ramp.	Need stairs or ramp or something at very steep riverbank under southmost bridge, plus posted and graded road right of way access to the river. See <u>WLRWT</u> .
At-water signs, Staten Road Landing, with maps of entire water trail and etiquette, safety, checklist, etc.	So people can know what to expect upstream and down, with example pictures.	\$65 per set. WWALS already printed and is planting at-water signs for most other access points on the Withlacoochee and Little River Water Trail using a GA-DNR grant. See <u>WLRWT</u> and <u>At-Water Signs</u> .

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