

Lowndes County, Georgia

Withlacoochee River

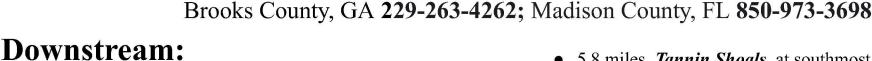
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EMA: Lowndes County, GA 229-671-2790



wwals.net/maps/wlrwt



Water Levels on the Quitman US 84 USGS Gauge 02318500: 85.25' (1.8') lowest boatable: below, you may walk a lot 99' (15.5') highest safe: above, you can get lost in the floodplain

Difficulty: Class I (beginner) **rapids** in low water, esp. after 5 miles.

Look for: Alligators, mullet jumping, sand banks turning to limestone, herons, turtles, Halbardleaf rosemallow, invasive Japanese climbing fern, many shoals, and two good springs.

Left or right bank (l. or r.): facing downstream

- Rocky Ford Bridge (the current bridge, or maybe the previous one)
- 1.1 miles, *River Bend Shoals*; small but amusing
- 2.67 miles, Wrested Vegetation, both banks, important in GA riparian law
- 2.87 miles, *JLH Creek*, 1., need real name
- 3.24 miles, Tween Creeks Shoal, rocks almost across river
- 4.64 miles, *McIntyre Spring*, r., 2nd magnitude, has 4610-foot explored underwater caves under Brooks County
- 5.02 miles, *Georgia into Florida First Time*: Madison County, FL, right bank populated; left bank inaccessible by land
- 5.3 miles, *Pear Way Boat Ramp*, r., private, emergency only
- 5.6 miles, Valdosta Railway Trestle, picturesque, abandoned

Photo: John S. Quarterman, Valdosta Railroad Trestle, 2017-10-14.

- 5.6 miles, *Four Freedoms Trail*, r., from Madison, FL, along the old Valdosta Railway right of way
- 5.6 miles, *State Line Shoals*, biggest on this stretch
- *The river is the state line here:* left bank Lowndes County, Georgia; right bank Madison County, Florida
- 5.7 miles, *Georgia into Florida Second Time:* both banks now Madison County, Florida

- 5.8 miles, *Tannin Shoals*, at southmost bend in Florida
- 5.9 miles, *Back to Georgia Shoals*, left bank Lowndes County, right bank Brooks County, accessible by land only from Florida



Photo: John S. Quarterman, Back to Georgia Shoals, 2017-10-14.

- 7 miles, *Arnold Springs*, 1., three small springs adding up to second magnitude; private property inland
- 7.32 miles, *Old Clyattville Road Bridge*, posts
- 8.10 miles, *Olympia Bend Shooting Range*, you'll hear
- 8.2 miles, Halberdleaf Rosemallow, 1., each bloom lasts only one day in June

Downstream Take Out:

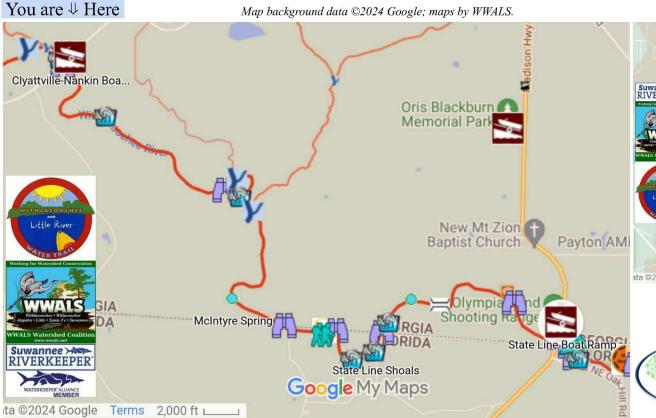
8.9 miles, 4.5 hours to State Line Boat Ramp, l., Also known as Mozell Spells and Madison Highway Ramp.

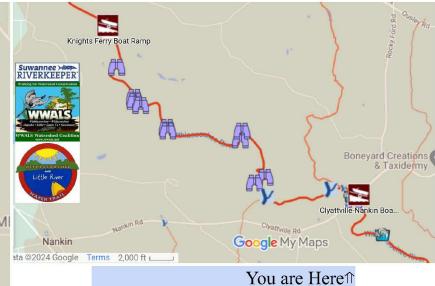
Upstream:

- 0 miles, *Clyattville-Nankin Shoal*, small shoal
- 0.95 miles, *Redland Creek*, 1.
- 6.55 miles, Knights Ferry Bridge abutment, all that remains
- 6.64 miles, site of *Knights Ferry*

Upstream Take Out:

6.65 miles upstream to Knights Ferry Boat Ramp, l., 6499 Knights Ferry Rd, Valdosta, GA 31601





Supporting This Boat Ramp:



