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WWALS Banks Lake Full Moon Paddle: bring bon-bons! 2015-08-29

Bring bon-bons, lights, and boats to [Banks Lake](#), just west of Lakeland, Georgia,

7PM Saturday August 29th 2015

for the first WWALS Moonlight Paddle and Bon-Bon Eating Contest. Your host, Chris Mericle, has arranged a special after-hours permit for this outing. Join us at

*Banks Lake Outdoors,
1099 W Main St,
Lakeland, GA 31635.*

This is part of our continuing exploration of the [Alapaha River Water Trail](#).

Strictly speaking, a bon-bon is "[a candy with chocolate or fondant coating and fondant center that sometimes contains fruits and nuts](#)", but anything more or less bite-sized you like to eat will be fine. Bring some substantial food, and we'll make a pot luck of it at the gazebo, like at the informal outing organized by Amanda Hall back in June 2014.

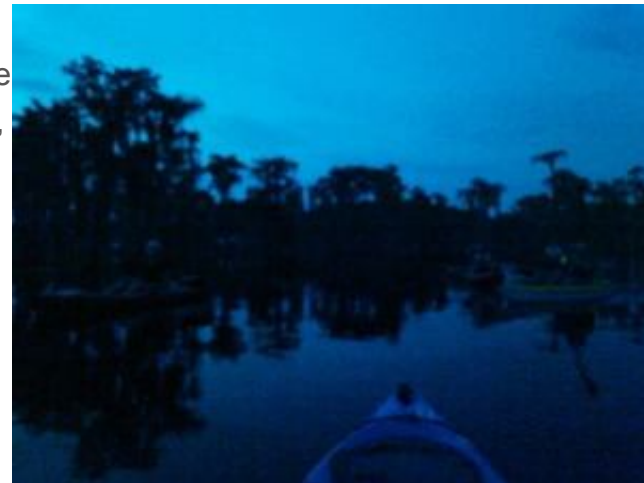
For the lights, according to the [U.S. Coast Guard Rule 25](#):

A vessel under oars may exhibit the lights prescribed in this rule for sailing vessels, but if she does not, she shall have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.

So bring a flashlight. An LED light is probably the lightest, with least battery use. We will have some available in case you forget.

As always, bring your personal floatation devices, paddles, and boats!

The sun sets a bit before 7PM, so we should be able to see the full moon rise not too long afterwards. It's actually completely full at 6:35



UTC, or 4:35 PM EDT. This is not just any full moon. It's a supermoon, which is "a full moon near perigee, or near its closest point to Earth for the month" according to EarthSky. So it may look bigger than usual, because it is. And the August moon is as usual the Corn moon. Some call it the Green Corn moon, but around here corn is no longer green.



There is no fallback location. Banks Lake always has water unless it's been drained, and if the weather's too bad for Banks Lake, it will be too bad for anywhere.

Don't feed the gator, and he won't bother you.

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- 9AM Saturday 26 September 2015, [Alapaha River Cleanup @ GA 135](#)
- 9AM Saturday 24 October 2015, [Sullivan Launch to Blue Spring, Withlacoochee River](#)

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