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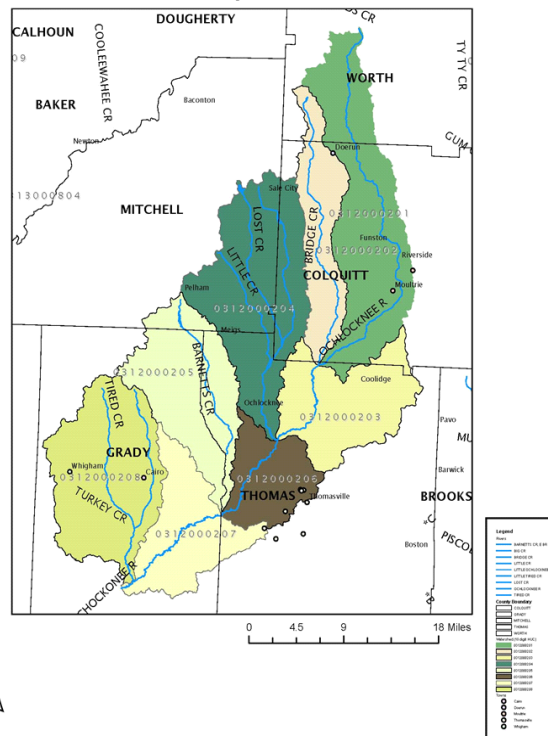
Join the Ochlockonee River Water Trail today to preserve this gorgeous jewel and natural treasure! Contact us for more information on how you can get involved and help to save this amazing place for you and

future generations!

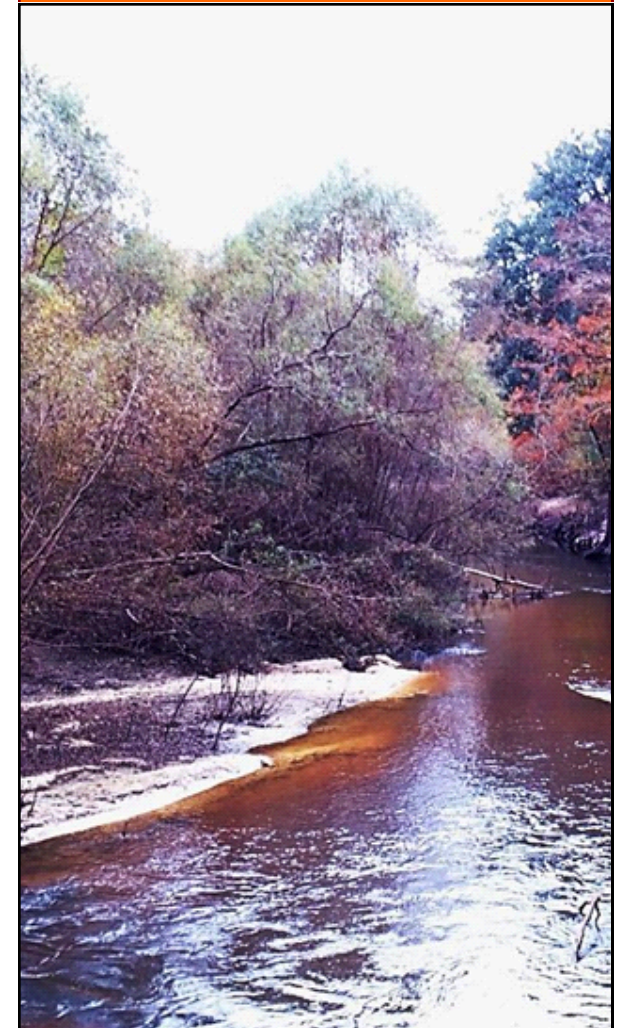
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What is the Ochlockonee River Water Trail?

We are a highly motivated and diverse group consisting of: landowners and concerned citizens of the watershed, government and non-profit agencies all working together trying to protect the river corridor, and promote and maintain a healthy water trail for the Ochlockonee in southwest Georgia.

Rich in History

The Ochlockonee River originates in Worth County, Georgia, at an elevation of 420 feet. It winds 56 miles through the southwest Georgia counties of Colquitt, Thomas and Grady before crossing into Florida and emptying into the Gulf of Mexico.

The Ochlockonee River runs through bottomland forests amongst cypress, black gum, oak and willow. The winding course of the river contains sandbars, beaches and abundant wildlife.

The rich yellows and reds of the clay soil gives the river a yellow color. Old Spanish documents refer to this river sometimes as the **Rio Agna**. On a map dated 1683, it is referred to as the **Rio Lana**. English maps of the eighteenth century show the name as

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This name probably retains at least the flavor of its Hitchiti language name. Both the names Lagna and Lana may be Spanish renditions of the Muskogean word **LAH'nee** for yellow.

The Ochlockonee River corridor is home to many threatened fish, wildlife and plant species including the Flatwoods Salamander (*Amystoma cignulatum*), Oval Pigtoe (*Pleuroberna pyriforme*), and the Hooded Pitcher Plant (*Sarracenia minor*).

Vision Statement:

The ORWT organization will promote recreational outdoor activities and economic improvements both locally and regionally.

The Ochlockonee River Watershed will be protected and members will advocate for safe water management practices. The Ochlockonee River Water Trail will be a destination for paddlers, anglers and river enthusiasts.



What Are We Working On?

- Phase 1 development includes identification and mapping of access points to the river.
- Partnership development and expansion with State, Local, and Federal agencies, river networks, and conservation groups .
- Education and outreach to citizens and schools through ,creek clean-up days, water quality monitoring, and e-newsletters.
- Regular meetings to discuss strategies/priorities.