

## S27 Coastal, River, Blueways, and Circumnavigational Trail Maps

### Upper Suwannee River Wilderness Trail

## Leg 8—Peacock Slough River Camp to Adams Tract River Camp Information Sheet

**Description:** The Suwannee is approximately 246 miles long and arises from the Okefenokee Swamp. This Leg and the next (Leg 9), probably have the most springs, and on this leg, there are three ramps for taking breaks or emergency takeouts. Just above the Drew turnstile railroad bridge, the springs start, and include Running Springs, Convict Spring, Royal Spring Run, Owens Spring, and Mearson Spring. Takeout at Adams Tract River Camp is on your right.

**Skill Level:** Advanced

**Distance/Approximate Time:** 10.4 Miles/4.5 Hours

**Launch Site:** Peacock Slough River Camp

**Takeout Site:** Adams Tract River Camp

**Special Considerations:** For reservations at River Camps, call 800.868.9914. The river is not considered safe for paddling when the water level at White Springs Gauge exceeds 63'. During planning, and before departure, check with local outfitters for safe water levels for passage, and shuttling services, if needed. Please practice "Leave No Trace" principles.

**Outfitters:** Suwannee Canoe Outpost—Live Oak, FL 386-364-4991

American Canoe Adventures— White Springs, FL 386-397-1309

### Skill Level Definitions

**Beginner:** New to paddling and may need tips and or instructions about paddling strokes, safety procedures, and entering/exiting kayaks. Comfortable on short trips of 1 to 3 miles on protected waters, when wind does not exceed 5 mph.

**Novice:** Paddlers acquainted with basic paddle strokes and can manage kayak handling independently in winds not exceeding 10 mph on protected waters. Comfortable on trips up to 6 miles.

**Intermediate:** Paddlers with experience in basic strokes and some experience on different venues, including some open water. Comfortable on trip distances of 6 to 10 miles, winds not exceeding 15 mph.

**Advanced:** Seasoned paddlers who possess skills and experience to paddle all venues and conditions. Experienced in self-rescues. Should be comfortable paddling more than 10 miles in a day.

**NOTE:** Great care has been taken to ensure this guides accuracy, but weather, tides, and water conditions can change rapidly and create hazardous conditions. These maps are for visual reference only, please consult NOAA Charts for navigation. Paddlers should have all proper safety equipment and check conditions before departure. All paddlers should always wear PFDs while on the water, and leave a float plan. There are inherent dangers in any paddle sport. There are special hazards along the Florida coast due to shifting tides, changing wind and weather, shallow waters, and treacherous bottoms with soft mud, rocks, and oyster bars. It is up to each paddler to be aware of these dangers, to accept and be prepared for the risks involved, and to be certain they have the skills to safely paddle in these conditions.