Crooked River State Park

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Crooked River

(1.25-Mile Trail)

Wildlife Viewing
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Park Boundry

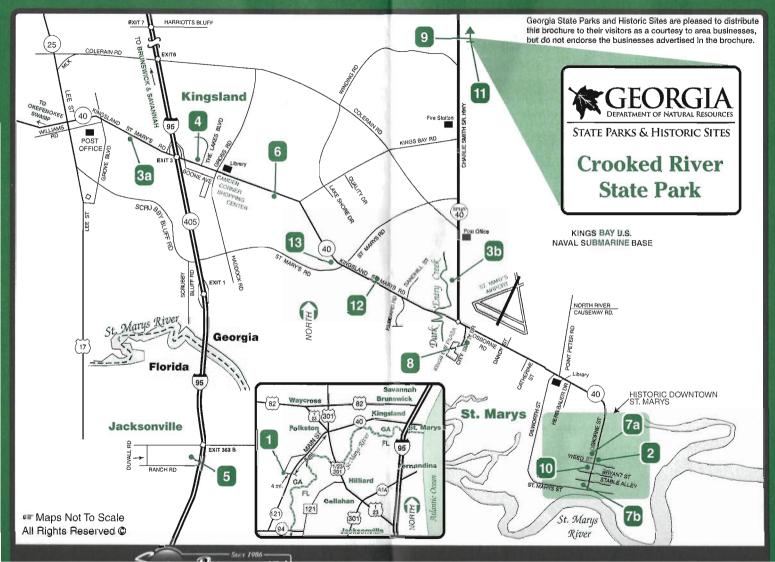
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Park Entrance

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Located on Georgia's Colonial Coast, this park offers cozy facilities in a beautiful setting. Campsites are surrounded by Spanish moss-draped oaks, while cottages overlook the river or marsh. Hikers can explore the nature trails which wind through maritime, pine and bay forests into salt marshes and over archaeological shell middens. A boat ramp

is popular with anglers who often take to the water before sunrise. Visitors may venture to the nearby ruins of the tabby McIntosh Sugar Works mill, built around 1825 and later used as a starch factory during the Civil War. Just down the road is the ferry to famous Cumberland Island National Seashore, known for wild horses and mansion ruins.

Park Information

Park Hours (Gates Lock At 10 p.m.)7:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.
Office HoursFri Wed. 8:00 a.m 10:00 p.m.,
Thurs. 8:00 a.m 5:00 p.m.
Address6222 Charlie Smith Sr. Hwy., St. Marys, GA 31558
Location Ten miles north of St. Marys on GA Spur 40
County
Park Telephone(912) 882-5256
Reservationswww.GaStateParks.org or 1-800-864-7275
Website www.GaStateParks.org

All park rules and regulations are posted for your convenience at the park office and must be observed by all park visitors.

ParkPass - A parking fee is required at all state parks, and proceeds go toward park maintenance. Frequent visitors can save money with an Annual ParkPass. Join the *Friends of Georgia State Parks* and get a **free** Annual ParkPass. The daily ParkPass is valid at all state parks visited that day.

Activities, Facilities & Bird Blind

Camping — The park offers 62 RV and tent sites with water and electrical hook-ups, 12 cable channels and a sanitary disposal station. Two comfort stations with toilets and hot showers are centrally located.

Cottages — Eleven fully equipped cottages may be reserved up to 11 months in advance. All have a screened porch, grill and picnic table. Cottages 1-5 have views of the open river and cottages 6-11 have views of the marsh with the river in the background. Dogs are allowed in cottages 10 and 11 only. Pets are not permitted in or around other cottages.

Birding — A 20-foot-long bird blind allows enthusiasts and photographers to closely observe painted buntings, red wing blackbirds, ruby throated hummingbirds, American goldfinches and other species.

Picnicking — There are 75 picnic tables, five shelters and one group shelter available. The group shelter must be reserved in advance. Other shelters can be reserved and are available first-come, first-served. Visitors are asked to use only designated picnic areas.

Fishing — Park offers salt water fishing throughout the year. A courtesy dock and boat launch area are provided for access to Crooked River. For salt water fishing, persons age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license.

Boating — Private boats are permitted on the waters bordering the park. A boat launch ramp is available.

There are no horsepower limitations. Water skiing is not recommended due to hazards in the river and currents encountered during ebb tides. All boats must comply with the Georgia Boating Safety Law and park rules and regulations.

Mini Golf — An 18-hole miniature golf course is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nearby Attractions

- Cumberland Island National Seashore
- · Jekyll Island Historic Area and Beach
- Okefenokee Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
- Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site
- Submarine Museum

Nature Center: Spring, summer, fall or winter, there is always something hoppin'. Meet our live snakes, anoles and threatened gopher tortoise. Weekend programs with our Naturalist exploring the natural wonders of the park can teach you to bird, fish or survive in the woods. Learn what you can do to improve wildlife habitat in your own backyard. Located atop the Crooked River Bluff, the park is approximately 500 acres and is home to several unique plant communities. Showcased are the Bay Swamp, Marsh, Longleaf Pine/Palmetto and mixed hardwood environments. These habitats are focal points for the animal communities including the colorful and notorious painted bunting. Walk our trails and see advanced successional stages of forest displaying a wide variety of plants, many of which are rare in Georgia. Shell middens left by Native Americans are prevalent and lead up to the marshes edge overlooking the Crooked River. Come see the local alligators, herons and gopher tortoises that require these special habitats to survive.

In Case of Emergency, dial 911

Park residences are indicated on the map.
The nearest hospital: Southeast Georgia Health Systems
Camden Campus. Phone: 912-576-6200 Take left on
C. Smith Highway spur 40. Turn right on Kings Bay Rd.
(1st light) and continue to Lakeshore Dr. Turn left to hospital.

Operated by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Suite 1352, Atlanta, GA 30334, (404) 656-3530, www.GaStateParks.org.

Crooked River Campground Information

Park Office: The Park Office is open 8am to 10pm daily. Check out is 1 pm.

Georgia ParkPass: Every vehicle entering the park is required to purchase a \$5 Park

Pass. * Passenger Vans (13-30 passengers) \$30 Day use pass

*Buses (30-100 passengers) \$70 Day use pass

Motor Vehicles: Only legally licensed and insured vehicles may operate on State Parks. Electric scooters, ATV's, golf carts, and any other forms of motorized transportation are strictly prohibited. Also, the Campground Roads are ONE WAY and will be strictly enforced.

Camp Sites: 6 people per site. Two tents or one camper and one tent maximum per site.

<u>Bicycles:</u> In accordance with State Law, children under the age of 16 are <u>required</u> to wear an approved bicycle helmet.

<u>Pets</u>: Pets are welcome in Georgia State Parks provided that they are kept on a six foot leash and are <u>attended</u> at all times. Pets are not allowed in bathroom facilities.

<u>Intoxicants</u>: It is unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages in any public use area of a State Park. It is also unlawful for any intoxicated person to enter or remain on a State Park.

<u>Weapons</u>: Bows and arrows, muzzle-loading rifles, explosives, fireworks, slingshots, fishing spears or any device that discharges projectiles by any means are prohibited in State Parks.

Noise Levels: Consideration of others is a must at all times. 10 PM is Quiet Time. Musical instruments, radios, televisions and any other noise producing devices are not to be used between 10 pm and 7 am and in moderation at all other times.

<u>Visitors</u>: Visitors to cottages and campsites are welcome; however, visitors are required to purchase a "Georgia Parkpass" and <u>must leave prior to park closing time of 10 pm</u>.

<u>Collecting</u>: All wildlife, plant life, artifacts, driftwood, or any other natural or man-made features are protected at all state parks and historic sites. Please leave them undisturbed so other visitors may enjoy them too. The use of electronic devices for "treasure hunting" is strictly prohibited. **DO NOT feed the wildlife.**

Group Activities: All group gatherings must conclude by 10 pm.

<u>Campfires:</u> Campfires are restricted to fire rings provided. <u>Other restrictions may apply.</u>

Picnic Tables: Do not remove our picnic tables or take one from another site.

<u>Damage to park facilities will be charged to the person whose name appears on the reservation.</u>

THANK YOU.

In Compliance With State Regulations The Following Activities Are <u>Prohibited</u> At Crooked River State Park.

Washing of vehicles and boats

Kid pools and Sprinklers



Help do your part.

Every Drop Counts!



CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK TV CHANNEL GUIDE

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12-FOX

13-CBS

Please place TRASH in the Dumpsters ONLY!

They are located on the right side of the road at the entrance to the campground. There is also a Recycling Can by the dumpsters to place your glass, #2 plastic and Aluminum.

CROOKED RIVER

[Camden County] Phone: (800) 864-PARK

Set GPS to W81° 33' 39", N 30° 50' 26"

TYPE: Public State Park. Handicap Access. pets \$ welcome.

DIRECTIONS: good paved interior rds. good paved access rd. (North of town) N-bnd: From Jct of I-95 & St Marys Rd (Exit 1), E 5.1 mi on St Marys Rd to Charlie Smith Sr Hwy, N 4 mi (R). Entrance fee required. Email contact page on website.

SITES: 62 available: 62 gravel sites no patios, mostly shaded, 14 day max stay, 21 pull-thrus (35 x 60), Back-ins (35 x 50), no Side-by-side hookups, 62 water, 62 electric (30 amps), (11 rental units), cable services (minor). Table at site.

FACILITIES: restrooms and showers, dumping station, firewood.

RECREATION: Crooked River, river, fishing, boat dock, boat ramp, planned activities, playground, mini golf, pavilion, nature trails, bicycle rentals.

OPEN: Open all year.

RATES: \$25 to \$28 (Last year's).

Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Debit Card.