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SO WHAT IS SERENE18?

A unique opportunity to experience 18 square miles of Georgia's most serene water trails and uncommon wildlife by paddling a Lake, River and Canal-all within a few miles of one another.

AWESOME! HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Glad you asked! Complete a route and have the official passport stamped at each of the 5 approved locations. Once you've received all four stamps, stop by the Columbia County Visitors Center* at 3300 Evans to Locks Rd. Martinez, GA to pick up your FREE t-shirt!

*Please call 706.868.3373 for current hours of operation.

WHERE CAN I HAVE MY PASSPORT STAMPED? At these fine establishments:

Keg Creek Water Sports at Wildwood Park

Cole Watkins Kayak Tours

Outdoor Augusta at Riverside Park

Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental

Columbia County Visitors Center

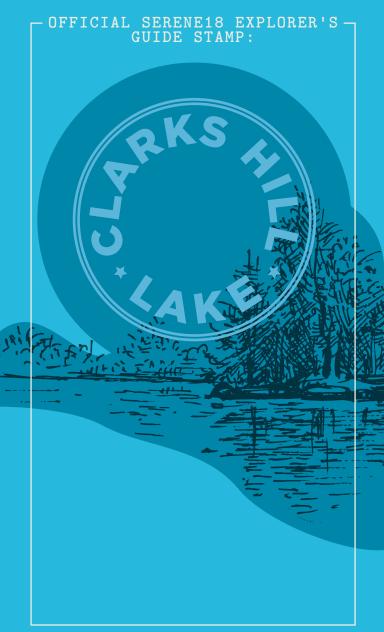
It is not required that you use the products or services of these vendors in order to receive a stamp, but they are an incredible resource to make your paddle trip as easy and as safe as possible. So, it'd be a lot cooler if you did.

KEEP IT Clean

* BRING A BAG *

Travelers are encouraged to bring a bag or container of some kind to collect any waste, which can be disposed of at any of the following locations:

- Wildwood Park Access Point
- Clarks Hill Dam
- Betty's Branch
- Fury's Ferry Landing
- Savannah Rapids Park
- Lake Olmstead Park
- Mill Village 109 Eve St.
- The end point of Augusta Canal at Old Turning Basin/Gatehouse at 13th St. at Independence Drive



CLARKS HILL DISTANCE

Cake

6 MILES

TRAVEL TIME

SHUTTLE MAY BE REQUIRED DEPENDING ON ROUTE 4-6 HOURS

LAUNCH: WILDWOOD PARK* | 3780 DOGWOOD LANE, APPLING, GA 30802

*WILDWOOD PARK REQUIRES A GATE FEE FOR ENTRY



SKILL LEVEL

NOVICE - INTERMEDIATE

STAY SAFE

USE CAUTION

Pay close attention to <u>Georgia Boating</u>
<u>Rules and Regulations</u> with special care
to be aware of motor boats.



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MOLLUSKS

□ FRESHWATER	□ MUSSEL	□ CRAYFISH
SNAIL		

REPTILES + AMPHIBIANS

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□ CARP	□ WHITE BASS		
□ CHANNEL CATFISH	□ SMALLMOUTH BASS		

INSECTS

□ BUTTERFLY	□ BEETLE	
□ DRAGONFLY	□ WASP	
□ MAYFLY	□ YELLOW JACKET	
□ WALKING STICK	□ HONEY BEE	
□ PRAYING MANTIS	□ BUMBLE BEE	
□ STINKBUG	□ CARPENTER ANT	
□ APHID	□ FIRE ANT	
□ HORSE-FLY	□ LADY BUG	

If you don't know...

The lake has 2 names. Known to Georgian's as Clarks Hill Lake and to South Carolinians as the J. Strom Thurmond Lake.

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... now you know!

TREES

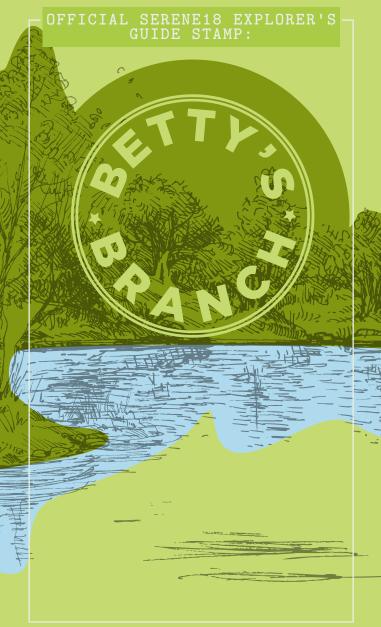
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AQUATIC VEGETATION		

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BETTY'S Branch

DOES NOT REQUIRE A SHUTTLE

RIVERSIDE PARK: 25 DOLPHIN WAY EVANS, GA 30809

DISTANCE

SHORT ROUTE

4 MILES
LONG ROUTE LOOP

6 MILES

TRAVEL TIME

SHORT ROUTE

2 HOURS

1 LONG ROUTE LOOP 3.5 HOURS

Route Directions: Starting at the launch site, head out to the little river and turn left to paddle upstream. Passing Euchee Creek where the sand bar is formed, you can continue to the top of the island. Either float back the same direction you came or go out into the Savannah River. Floating down the Savannah, you will pass under the railroad tracks, to then merge towards the right and find the end of the island. Paddle up the little river to return to Betty's Branch.



SKILL LEVEL

NOVICE

STAY SAFE

USE CAUTION

This area is controlled by dams. This trail is always manageable by travelers but water typically moves faster later in the day, making it more difficult to paddle against the current. Understanding the area and direction of flow is crucial to keeping you safe and from getting worn out paddling back up river if you go too far down.

KEEP A LOOKOUT

BIRDS

□ OSPREY	□ CARDINAL	
□ BLUE HERON	□ WOOD DUCK	
□ EGRET	□ MALLARD	
□ BLUE JAY	□ CANADA GOOSE	
□ WOOD PECKER	□ GREEN-WINGED TEAL	
□ CLIFF SWALLOW	□ BLUE-WINGED TEAL	
□ EAGLE		



YOU WILL BE PASSING THROUGH GERMAN ISLAND
(A 3 MILE STRETCH OF LAND THAT SEPARATES
THE LITTLE RIVER AND THE SAVANNAH RIVER)
AND CHAMPIONS RETREAT GOLF CLUB, BOTH OF
WHICH ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY SO PLEASE DO
NOT EXIT YOUR WATERCRAFT.

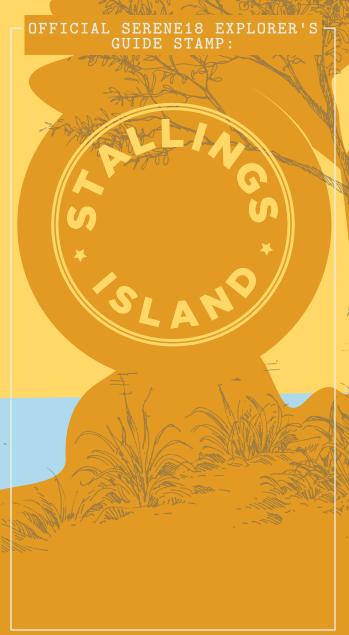
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REPTILES + AMPHIBIANS					
□ TURTLE		NON-VENC	DMOUS SNAKES:		
□ ALLIGATOR		□ BANDED	WATER SNAKE		
□ SALAMANDER		□ BLACK	RACER SNAKE		
□ LIZARD		□ CORN S	NAKE		
VENOMOUS SNAKES:		□ EASTER	□ EASTERN KINGSNAKE		
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□ YELLOW PERCH		□ REDBREAST			
□ FLATHEAD CATFISH		□ WARMOUTH			
PLANTS					
□ MIMOSA TREE	□ MIMOSA TREE □ SPIDER		□ ANACHARIS		

If you don't know...

Be sure to get started on this route early in the day to take advantage of the sandbar located at the Little River and Euchee Creek! The sandbar is a great place to stop for lunch or hangout until the water rises and pushes you back downriver.

... now you know!



STALLINGS *Osland*

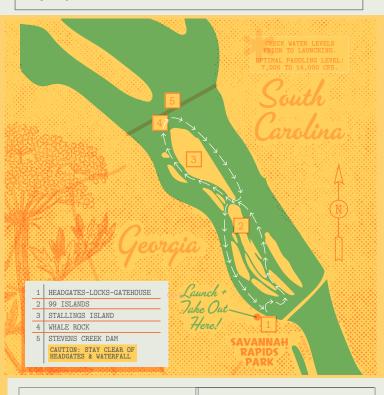
DISTANCE 2.7 MILE LOOP

TRAVEL TIME
2 HOURS

DOES NOT REQUIRE A SHUTTLE

3300 EVANS TO LOCKS ROAD, MARTINEZ, GA 30907

Route Directions: Start this route by paddling in a rainbow shape at the crossing above the headgates. This will prevent you from drifting into the current. From there, follow a figure 8 pattern.



SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE



USE EXTREME CAUTION
WHEN LAUNCHING NEAR CANAL HEADGATES



STAY SAFE

USE CAUTION

Snakes may be in the water and or in tree branches above as you paddle.

DO NOT get out of your kayak on the island to feed or pet the donkeys or goats. It is protected property and the animals may get aggressive.

DO NOT paddle this route if the water is moving very fast, which can happen sometimes after big rains & release from the Dam.

STAY CLEAR OF

Canal Headgates + Waterfall - the launch spot and take out is very close to the Augusta Canal Headgates. Always avoid getting close to the intake and the Fall line (waterfall) as the current picks up and you could be swept over or under!

The launch site for Stallings Island requires a walk on level surface of about 200 yards. Be prepared to carry kayaks or bring a small kayak dolly with wheels.

Stallings Island is protected property as it is a National Historic Landmark. Trespassers may receive a trespassing ticket and anyone digging or removing artifacts will serve jail time. The island is equipped with security cameras.

KEEP A LOOKOUT

BIRDS

□ VULTURE	□ HAWK		
□ HERON	□ OSPREY		
□ EGRET	□ OWL		
MAMMALS			
□ DONKEY □ DEER			
□ GOAT			
REPTILES			
□ RIVER SNAKE □ COPPERHEAD SNAKE			
□ COTTONMOUTH SNAKE	□ BOX TURTLE		

BE AWARE

FEED THE DONKEYS AND GOATS ON THE ISLAND BUT ONLY FROM YOUR WATERCRAFT.

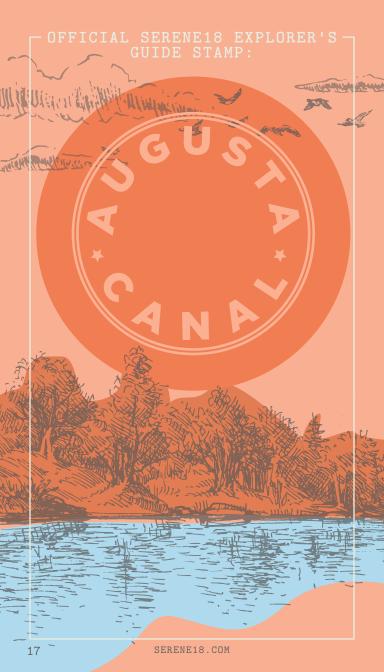
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BECOME AGGRESSIVE
IF APPROACHED.

Say hi to the Stallings Island native donkeys!



Stallings island is home to the oldest known pottery in North America - some of it is more than 3,500 years old!

, now you know:



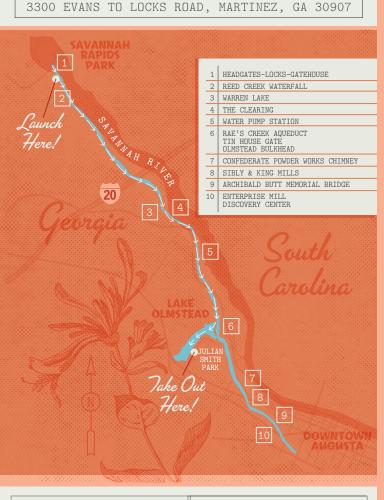
AUGUSTA Canal

DISTANCE 7 MILES

TRAVEL TIME 2.5 HOURS

SHUTTLE REQUIRED. ADDTL INFO ON NEXT PAGE

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SKILL LEVEL

NOVICE

STAY SAFE

USE CAUTION

- at all Access/Entry Points when launching and portaging.

- when exiting kayaks/canoes at each point.

STAY CLEAR OF

<u>Water Intakes</u> at Augusta's Waterworks, mill intakes, gates, and when approaching the Lake Olmstead bulkhead gate at mile 5.

Always stay right of the Petersburg Boat in the Augusta Canal. The boat will sound its horn twice before coming through the narrow Lake Olmstead bulkhead gate.

Use common sense and be aware of water safety measures when the current picks up.

THERE ARE

DUCK
BOXES

along the
AUGUSTA
CANAL

This route begins and ends in separate locations so be sure to pre-arrange transport back to your vehicle. A shuttle service is available through Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental.

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□ BUMBLE BEE

□ LADY BUG

□ CARPENTER ANT
□ FIRE ANT

□ WALKING STICK

□ PRAYING MANTIS

□ STINKBUG

□ HORSE-FLY

□ APHID

If you don't know...

The Historic Augusta Canal is a National Heritage Area and is an official "water trail" with the Georgia River Network. The Canal is still being used for its intended purpose of supplying power to parts of the local community!

... now you know!

TREES

□ LONGLEAF PINE	□ HICKORY
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APPLING, GA 30802
(706)339-0386
KEGCREEKWATERSPORTS.COM
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OUTDOOR AUGUSTA RIVERSIDE

25 DOLPHIN WAY (INSIDE RIVERSIDE PARK) EVANS, GA 30809 (706)399-4037 OARIVERSIDE.COM

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MARTINEZ, GA 30907
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BEST INN

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BEST WESTERN AUGUSTA WEST

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COMFORT INN & SUITES

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DAYS INN

(706)814-7318 || 459 PARK WEST DRIVE

GEORGIA INN

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HAMPTON INN & SUITES

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HAWTHORN SUITES

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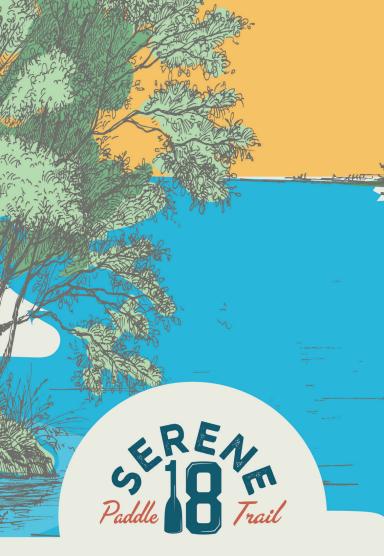
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TRAVEL LOG

FIELD NOTES



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