

## Gopher River Paddle

Description: Launch from Munden Creek, and cross the Suwannee to the entrance of the Gopher River. The Gopher River and the several small streams that feed it are some of the most enchanting and biologically interesting parts of the refuge. While the estuaries and salt marshes of the coast are among the world's most productive ecosystems, freshwater creeks and swamps of the lower Suwannee are among the most diverse temperate ecosystems, harboring an impressive number of plant and animal species. Navigation can be difficult due to a multitude of side creeks. Return to Munden Creek ramp.

Distance/Time: 4.4 Miles/Approximately 3 hours

Skill Level: Novice/Intermediate

Launch Site: Munden Creek Ramp—From the Suwannee Community Center: Head East on CR 349 3.2 Miles, turn right on SE 371<sup>st</sup> St. Veer right on SE 374<sup>th</sup> St and ramp is at the end of the road.

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NOTE: Great care has been taken to ensure this guides accuracy, but weather, tides, and water conditions can change rapidly and create hazardous conditions. Routes may change due to weather considerations. Users should consult NOAA Charts for navigation. Paddlers should have all proper safety equipment and check conditions before departure. All participants are required to wear PFDs while on water based events .