



Ogeechee River¹

Ogeechee River Basin



The Muskogean name is Okeechee, which means “River of the Uchees”. The English called the stream HOGEECHEE.

Hydrologic Unit Codes (HUCs) of the Ogeechee River Basin

03060201 Upper Ogeechee River

03060202 Lower Ogeechee River

03060203 Canoochee River

03060204 Ogeechee Coastal

- The headwaters are located in the southeastern edge of the Piedmont Province and the basin continues southeastward to the Atlantic Ocean. In the headwaters, the North and South Fork Ogeechee Rivers join to form the Ogeechee River which runs 245 miles in a southeasterly direction.
- The basin is located entirely in the State of Georgia and drains approximately 5,540 square miles.
- 13 percent of the basin is wetlands.
- The Ogeechee River is one of Georgia’s few remaining free flowing streams.
- The Ogeechee River is the dominant waterbody in the basin, while its principal tributary, the Canoochee River, drains approximately 1,400 square miles and is the only other major river in the basin.
- Forestry is a major part of the economy within the basin. Agriculture consists of a varied mixture of animal operations and relatively intensive commodity production.

Health of the River

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In the Ogeechee River Basin, there are approximately 16 rivers and streams listed on the 2002 303(d) list as waters not meeting their designated use of fishing. These impaired waters include roughly 83 miles of rivers and streams in the Ogeechee River Basin.

Fishing Advisories

For a complete listing of fish consumption guidelines for the Ogeechee River Basin and other basins in Georgia see Guidelines for Eating Fish from Georgia Waters, 2002 at <http://www.state.ga.us/dnr/environ/>.

NPDES Discharges

Currently, there are approximately 57 facilities, including industries and municipalities, authorized to discharge wastewater into the Ogeechee River Basin pursuant to NPDES Permits.

Our Ties to the River

Tourist Sites

Hamburg State Park
Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge
Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge
Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge

How to Get Involved

Watershed Groups in the Basin

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