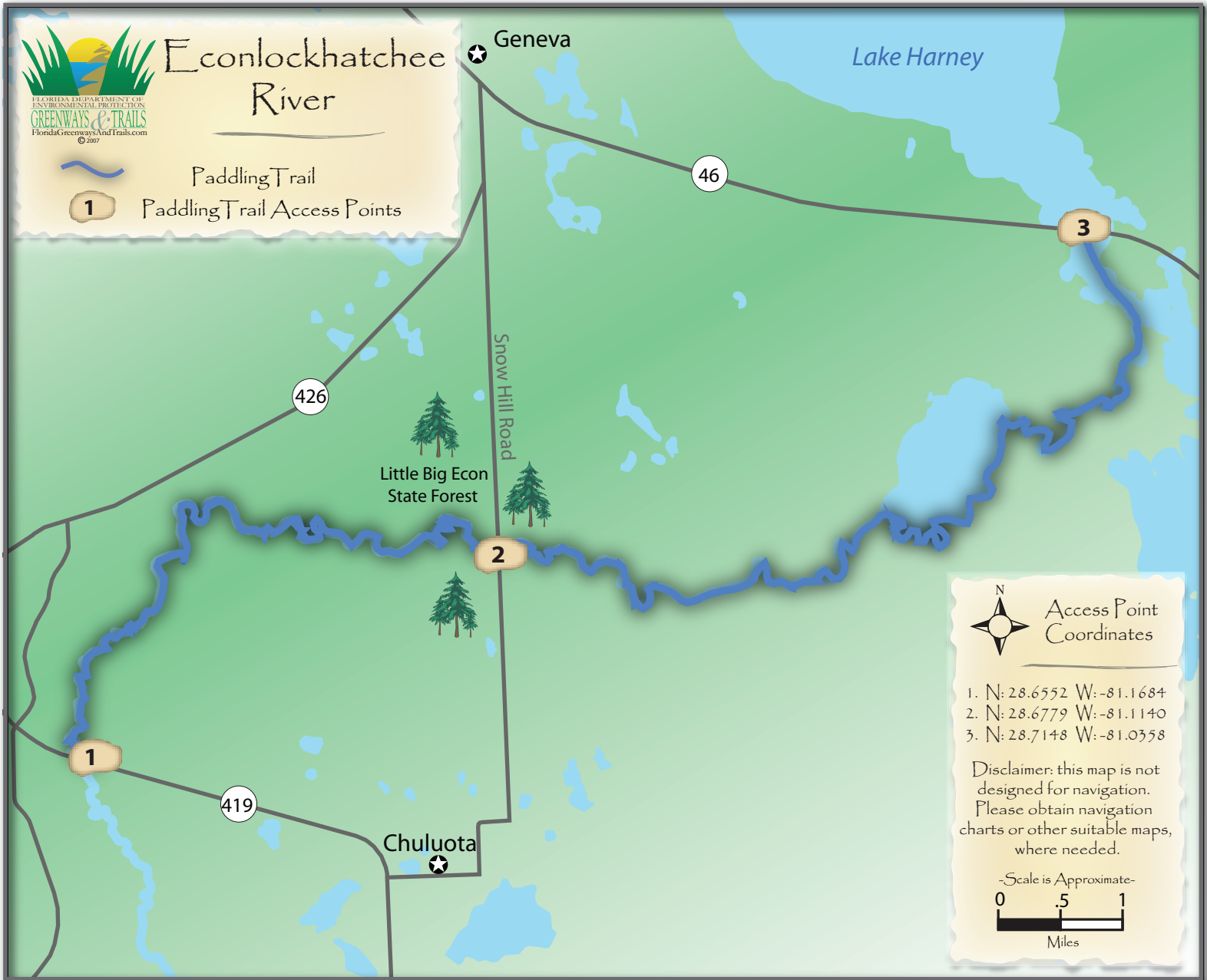


Econlockhatchee River Paddling Trail



Econlockhatchee River Trip Planning

Counties: Seminole

Nearest towns: Chuluota, Geneva, Orlando

Trip length: 19 miles

Mileage: Mile 0--CR 419 Bridge
Mile 8--Snowhill Road – Little Big Econ State Forest
Mile 19--SR 46 Bridge

Difficulty: Easy to moderate

Skill level: Beginner – intermediate (depending on water levels)

**The provided mileage data is approximate (rounded to the nearest 0.5 mi) and shouldn't be relied upon for navigation.

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(Access Point 1) Put-in: CR 419 bridge

Nearest town to put-in: Oviedo

Miles from put-in: ~ 2

Directions to put-in: From the town of Oviedo take CR 419 east to the northeast side of the bridge

(Access Point 2) Access Point: Snowhill Road, Little Big Econ State Forest Headquarters
There is a boardwalk and canoe launch behind the Forestry Office, fee required, gates close at sunset.

Nearest town to access point: Oviedo

Miles from put-in: ~10

Directions: From Oviedo travel northeast on CR 426 to Snowhill Road, turn right (south) and proceed to Little Big Econ State Forest Headquarters.

(Access Point 3) Take-out: SR 46 bridge

Directions to take-out: From the town of Oviedo travel northeast on CR 426 to the junction of SR 46. Continue east on SR 46 to the parking/launch area on the northwest side of the bridge over the St. John's River

Driving distance from put-in to take-out: 13.5 miles

Topo maps (USGS quads): Oviedo, Geneva

Gazeteer page: 80-81

Outfitters within 20 miles of trail:

Florida Outback Adventures (Sanford)
(407) 302-5550

A Day Away Outfitters and Kayak Tours (Titusville)
321-268-2655

<http://adayawaykayaktours.com/daytours.html>

Hidden River Park (Orlando)
(407) 568-5346

Shuttle service offered: Call outfitters

USGS link (water level info): <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/uv?02233460>

Break / Lunch areas: Little Big Econ State Forest

Camping options: Primitive camping at Little Big Econ State Forest. Contact staff at 407-971-3500 for permits and fees to camp: http://www.fl-dof.com/state_forests/little_big_econ.html

Other lodging: Nearby lodging is plentiful in Oviedo and Orlando

Food/Beverage restrictions: No alcohol in the State Forest

What to expect on the river:

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Tidal influence: None

Pull-overs: Possible on the upper stretches

Low branches: No

Narrow water: No

Shallow water: Possible with low water levels

Strong currents: Possible with high water levels

Rocks: None

Houses: Very few

Shoals: None

Tight turns: None

Open water: River widens after entering the St. Johns River

Springs: None

Potable water sources: None

Wildlife: The river supports abundant and diverse wildlife including sandhill cranes, bald eagles, ospreys, hawks, wading birds, wood storks, roseate spoonbill, waterfowl, shorebirds, deer, and turkey

Natural communities: Cypress/hardwood swamp, bottomland hardwoods, floodplain forest, freshwater marsh

Portages: Possible on upper stretches depending on water levels and storm events

Swimming: At your own risk

Motorboats: Encountered on lower stretches of the river near the St. Johns/Lake Harney

Expect at parking CR 419:

- **Parking fee:** No
- **Bathrooms:** No
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** N/A
- **Camping:** No
- **Camping fees:** N/A
- **Crowds:** No
- **Boat Ramp:** No
- **Potable water source:** No

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- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Access to the river is by walking about 100 meters from the parking area on Northeast side of CR 419 bridge down a grassy easement to the unimproved launch under the bridge

Expect at parking SR 46:

- **Parking fee:** None
- **Bathrooms:** None
- **Hours of operation (gates close):** No gates
- **Camping:** None
- **Camping fees:** N/A
- **Crowds:** Possible on weekends and holidays
- **Boat Ramp:** Yes
- **Potable water source:** No
- **Canoe/kayak launch:** Floating launch

Cultural and historical features along the trail: The Florida National Scenic Trail crosses the river at the Little Big Econ State Forest and merges with the Flagler Trail for a short distance. The Flagler Trail is located along an abandoned railroad corridor, now featuring a new trail bridge over the river, and is a multi-use corridor with some primitive camping sites along the banks. Access this website for more information: http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/pw/trails/trails_flagler.asp

Notes: It is possible to put-in at SR 50 although deadfall may be heavy and numerous portages are required depending on water levels. Check with the outfitter at Hidden River Park at (407) 568-5346 for updated water levels and accessibility of the river between SR 50 and CR 419.

When entering the St. John's River stay on the left side of the wide channel and paddle towards the left side of the bridge for takeout.