This multi-day adventure explores a variety of habitats including river floodplain, cypress swamp and salt marsh vistas. Wildlife and seasonal wildflowers are abundant.

**Start at Gardner Landing:** Travel 12 miles north from Hwy. 98 on S.R. 65. Turn left on Gardner Landing Rd. and follow signs 2.7 miles to the ramp.

**End at Cash Creek:** From Hwy. 98, go north 4.2 miles on S.R. 65. Look for the sign on your right; turn and go 0.6 miles to the boat ramp.

**Navigation**

- **Day 1:** (about 10 miles). From Gardner Landing boat ramp, head south (left) around a small island, and go downstream on the East River. The East River Cutoff will enter from your right at about 0.8 miles. Continue downstream about another 2 miles to the entrance of Thank You Ma’am Creek on your left, (GPS = N 29° 48’ 03”/W -84° 58’ 18”). Explore up the creek about 1.5 miles until it becomes too narrow and return.

  When you return to East River, continue downstream about 1.2 miles to Montgomery Slough about 2.0 miles to the junction of a larger channel. Saltwater Creek will enter on your left (GPS = N 29° 47’ 35”/W -84° 56’ 19”). Paddle about 0.7 miles up Saltwater Creek looking for a narrow waterway on your left. A short distance up this creek will be a tiny slough on your left with a good camping spot (N 29° 47’ 35”/W -84° 56’ 19”). (No camping permit required.)

- **Day 2:** (about 9-12 miles). You may choose to explore more of Saltwater Creek, paddling upstream when leaving the campsite, or continue east/southeast into Blounts Bay staying on the east side of the bay. Time your trip with high tide as the Bay is very shallow. The nature observation tower with picnic tables and short hiking trail is about 1.6 miles east from Saltwater Creek entrance. (GPS = N 29° 46’ 59”/W -84° 54’ 40”). Continue around the point, bearing north and northwest into West Bayou, paddling toward a large microwave tower. The bayou will narrow and eventually form Whiskey George Creek.

  Continue upstream past the boat ramp on S.R. 65 and follow the current (easiest on a rising tide). Follow the paddling signs through the multiple oxbows of this meandering waterway. You will see a dark green cabin on your right; follow the creek around a bend and look for old bridge pilings crossing the creek. On your left, among the pilings, will be a small gangway to an old roadbed that makes a good campsite (N 29° 49’ 28”/W -84° 53’ 22”). (No camping permit required.)

- **Day 3:** (9-12 miles) You may explore upstream on picturesque Whiskey George Creek until it becomes too narrow and return (adds 3-4 miles). Or continue back down the creek to West Bayou, heading southeast into East Bay, keeping the shoreline on your left. Head north into East Bayou; keep to the right of the channel as it narrows into Cash Creek. Continue 1.4 miles upstream past the S.R. 65 bridge to the boat ramp and picnic area.

**GPS:**

- A. = N 29° 49’ 02”/W -84° 59’ 14”
- B. = N 29° 48’ 03”/W -84° 58’ 18”
- C. = N 29° 47’ 31”/W -84° 57’ 51”
- D. = N 29° 47’ 35”/W -84° 56’ 19”
- E. = N 29° 47’ 57”/W -84° 56’ 35”
- F. = N 29° 46’ 59”/W -84° 54’ 40”
- G. = N 29° 49’ 28”/W -84° 53’ 22”
- H. = N 29° 48’ 59”/W -84° 50’ 12”

**Legend**

- **Potential Camping Site**
- **Boat Ramp**
- **Hand Launch**
- **Picnic**
- **Universally Accessible**
- **Unimproved Road**
- **Highway**
- **Railroad**
- **Bike Shuttle Route**
- **Bike Rack**
- **Stream Mileage Point**
- **Paddle Sign**
- **Private Land**
- **Unknown Extent of Navigable Water**
- **Water depth may vary in these areas. You may not be able to navigate the entire course as shown on the map.**
- **Caution: Open Water**
- **Be aware of river water levels, tidal changes, strong currents and weather changes.**

**GPS Disclaimer:** This map is an aid to navigation and should not be relied upon as a primary navigational source. Point data is provided for general reference only.