

## Ready, Set, Go!

# Andrews WMA

Andrews has one entrance by road and one by river. Tie up at the dock on the Suwannee. During non-hunting periods (Monday–Thursday throughout the year) the area is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Andrews is closed to other uses on hunting days.

### Wildlife Viewing

Andrews WMA is on the Great Florida Birding Trail ([floridabirdingtrail.com](http://floridabirdingtrail.com)). Its wetlands and mature hardwood forests host a variety of birds and mammals. View and photograph wildlife from two small towers and an ADA-accessible viewing blind. They are situated close to clearings planted with seasonal grains that attract deer and turkey. Along the river in spring and summer, visitors may see or hear the leaps and splashes of large Gulf sturgeon. Watch for the graceful flights of Mississippi and swallow-tailed kites.

### Hiking and Bicycling

Explore 10 miles of shady nature trails and unpaved roads and a boardwalk trail through a cypress wetland. Rooting by wild hogs may create rough trail surfaces in places. Several trails are named for six Florida champion trees (the largest of their kind in the state) that grew here. All have died or yielded their titles to champions elsewhere, but many large specimens may compete in the future. The Nature Coast State Trail is located about a mile east of the entrance.

### Picnicking

Relax and enjoy shaded picnic tables at two spots along the river.

### Hunting

Andrews is one of the top five areas in the state to hunt. Small, high-quality hunts for deer and

feral hogs are held on several weekends in the fall. Squirrel hunting is popular during the January small game season. Quota hunts and a supervised youth hunt take place in October and November. Hunting helps to control a large population of wild hog or feral pig. These nonnatives damage the forest floor by churning up the ground and uprooting plants.

### Fishing

Bank fishing is excellent along Andrews' three miles of Suwannee River shoreline and is best in April, May and June. Popular catches include redbreast sunfish, catfish, bream and Suwannee bass.

## Seasonal Highlights

**Fall** – The forest of oaks, hickories and maples turn brilliant colors in the fall. The hickory nuts and acorn crop provide a banquet for white-tailed deer, wild turkey and gray squirrels. Migratory warblers pause here on their way to southern wintering grounds. Quota hunts and a supervised youth hunt take place on a few weekends in October and November.

**Winter** – Look for mixed flocks of woodpeckers and songbirds and winter specialties such as yellow-bellied sapsuckers and hermit thrushes. In January, several weekends are set aside for small game hunts; a family hunt occurs on two weekends in February.

**Spring** – Turkey hunts take place on one weekend in both March and April. Fishing peaks in April, May and June. Wildflowers like brilliant, yellow *Senecio* asters carpet the floodplain. Bird migration is in full swing and Gulf sturgeon move up the Suwannee River to spawn. Listen for the loud splashes made by their spectacular leaps, spring through summer.

**Summer** – The forest is alive with the sights and sounds of some of Florida's resident birds and summer visitors. Listen for prothonotary warblers and Acadian flycatchers. Cool off in springs at nearby state parks in Fanning Springs and Chiefland.

### Take Note

- Hunts occur on a few weekends October to April; the area closes to other uses during those periods. Find up-to-date hunting season calendars at [MyFWC.com/recreation](http://MyFWC.com/recreation).
- Management activities are ongoing and include timber thinning and controlled burns.

### How to Get to Andrews:

From US 19 in Fanning Springs, travel south approximately 2.5 miles. Turn right on NW 160th Street, the road leads straight into the WMA. If arriving by boat, tie up at the dock on the Suwannee River.

### What it Costs to Visit:

An entrance fee is required. Visit [MyFWC.com/recreation](http://MyFWC.com/recreation) for more information. To hunt or fish you must possess the appropriate licenses and permits.

### Want to Know More?

Website: [MyFWC.com/recreation](http://MyFWC.com/recreation)  
FWC regional office: (386) 758-0525

### Hunting or Fishing Licenses:

Toll-free at 1-888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356) or 1-888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356), or go to [MyFWC.com/recreation](http://MyFWC.com/recreation).

Report a wildlife law violation  
1-888-404-3922

### Area Lodging, Camping and Restaurant Information:

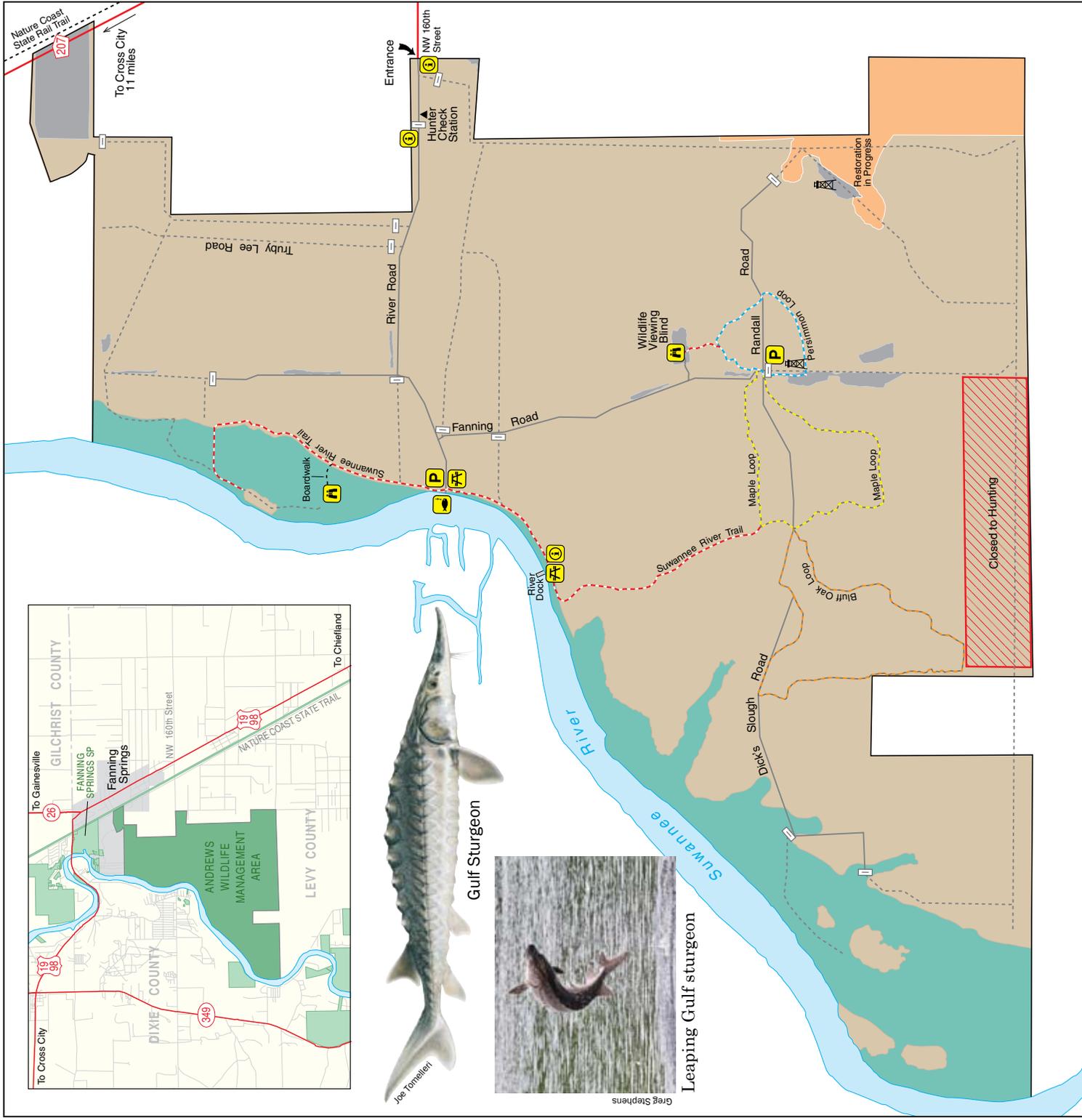
Greater Chiefland Area Chamber of Commerce  
(352) 493-1849  
Website: [chieflandchamber.com](http://chieflandchamber.com)

Levy County Visitor's Bureau (877) 387-5673  
Website: [visitnaturecoast.com](http://visitnaturecoast.com)

Florida's Pure Water Wilderness  
Website: [purewaterwilderness.com](http://purewaterwilderness.com)

# Andrews Wildlife Management Area

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



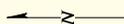
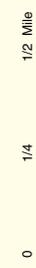
## Legend

- WMA Boundary
- Major Roads
- Improved Roads
- Unimproved Roads
- Trails

- County Road
- Hunter Check Station
- Observation Tower
- Gate

- Interpretive Kiosk
- Parking
- Fishing
- Picnic Area
- Wildlife Viewing

- SIMPLIFIED PLANT COMMUNITIES
- Disturbed/Developed
- Forested Uplands
- Forested Wetlands
- Pine Plantation



These classifications are condensed from the very detailed classifications used by biologists to manage wildlife habitat on this area.