

# Laura S. Walker State Park

(912) 287-4900  
Ware County  
GaStateParks.org



**Park Information**  
 Park Hours (Gates Open) ..... 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
 Office Hours ..... 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 Address ..... 5653 Laura Walker Rd., Waycross, GA 31503  
 Location ..... 9 miles southeast of Waycross on Rt. 177  
 County ..... Ware County  
 Park Telephone ..... (912) 287-4900  
 Park Reservations ..... GaStateParks.org or 1-800-864-7275  
 Golf Course ..... (912) 285-6154 or 1-800-434-0982  
 Websites ..... GaStateParks.org  
 GolfGeorgia.org

**Camping check-in time 1 p.m., check-out time 12 p.m.**  
**Cottage check-in 4 p.m., check-out 11 a.m.**

**In Case of Emergency**  
 A telephone is located on the park office porch. Park staff residences are indicated on the map.

**Park Emergency Phone** ..... (912) 584-0713  
**E.M.T./Ambulance** ..... 911  
**Fire Department/Forest Fires** ..... 911  
**Ware County Sheriff** ..... 911

The nearest medical/emergency services are in Waycross, approximately 12 miles from the park. Turn left out of the park gate, go two miles, turn left on 82 West, and go to Waycross. Get on U.S. Hwy. 1 Bus. North, then turn on U.S. 84 East and follow the signs to Mayo Clinic Health System.

**ParkPass** - A parking fee is required at all state parks. Frequent visitors can save money with an Annual ParkPass. Join the *Friends of Georgia State Parks* and get a free Annual ParkPass. The daily ParkPass is valid at all state parks visited that day.

**Activities and Facilities**

**Camping** — The campground offers 44 tent and trailer sites with water and electrical hook-ups (20-30 amp), picnic tables and grills. There are two comfort stations with hot showers, flush toilets and laundry facilities. One sanitary disposal station is in the campground. Horseshoe pit available for guests.

**Cottages** — Six two-bedroom, 1-bath cottages located along the banks of the park's beautiful lake. Each cottage accommodates 6 people. Linens, dishes, and cookware are included with the rental of the cottage. Dogs allowed in select cottages. Pet fee applies.

**Group Camp** — The group camp has a capacity of 142 and is available only to organized and properly supervised groups.

**Pioneer Camp** — The pioneer camping area is for organized groups only.

**Golf Course** — 18-hole championship golf course and pro shop.

**Picnicking** — Picnic shelters may be reserved up to 13 months in advance. Picnic tables and grills are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please use trash receptacles.

**Swimming Beach** — Two swimming areas are available. Lifeguards are not on duty. Stay within the yellow float line. Other rules are posted at each beach area.

**Group Shelters** — One large screened shelter and three air conditioned buildings can be rented for family reunions and other large groups. Facilities include electric lights, restrooms, tables, chairs and microwaves. Open year-round.

**Fishing** — Park waters are open for legal fishing throughout the year. A fishing dock and boat launching area are provided. Persons age 16 or older must have a valid resident/non-resident fishing license. Bank fishermen not registered as overnight visitors must be off the park no later than closing time. Bank fishing is allowed from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Bait & Tackle Loaner Program.

**Boating** — The lake is open from 7:00 a.m. to sunset for boats. There is a 10-horsepower restriction in effect except between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Daylight Savings Time. All boats must comply with the Georgia Boating Safety Law and park rules and regulations.

**Nature Trails** — A 8-mile trail follows the lake shore. 3.1-mile trail loops through the forest. All trails close at sunset.

**Dogs Park** — The dog park is a fenced-in area; there is a location for small dogs and large dogs. Dogs must be vaccinated if entering the dog park. All pet owners must clean-up after their dogs. A responsible person must be with the dog while they are in the dog park, such that the dog is never left unattended. Please report any incidents to the park office as soon as possible.

**Geocaching** — Geocaching is a treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

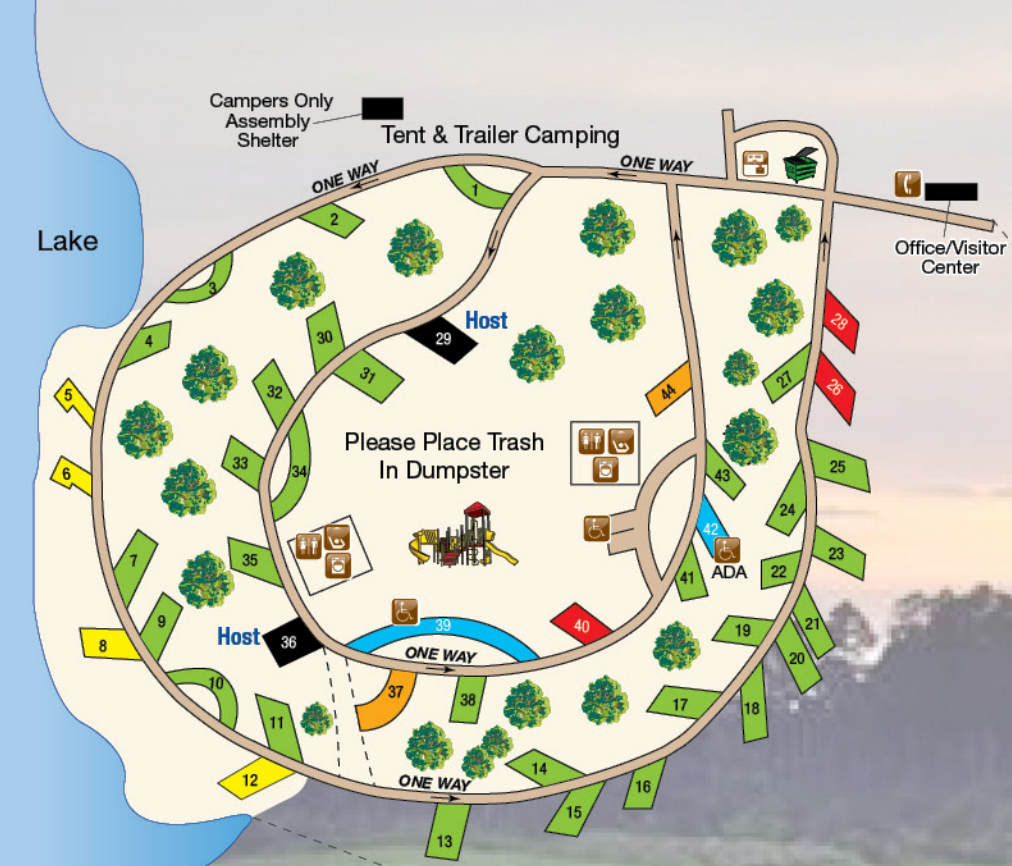
**Annual Events** — Fishing Rodeo, Fall Festival. Additional programs offered throughout the year.

**Bike/Kayak/Stand-Up Paddle Board Rentals**  
 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. each day.

**Bike Helmets** — Per state law all children 15 and younger must wear a helmet. Check with office before changing sites.

**Wi-Fi available at the campground office.**

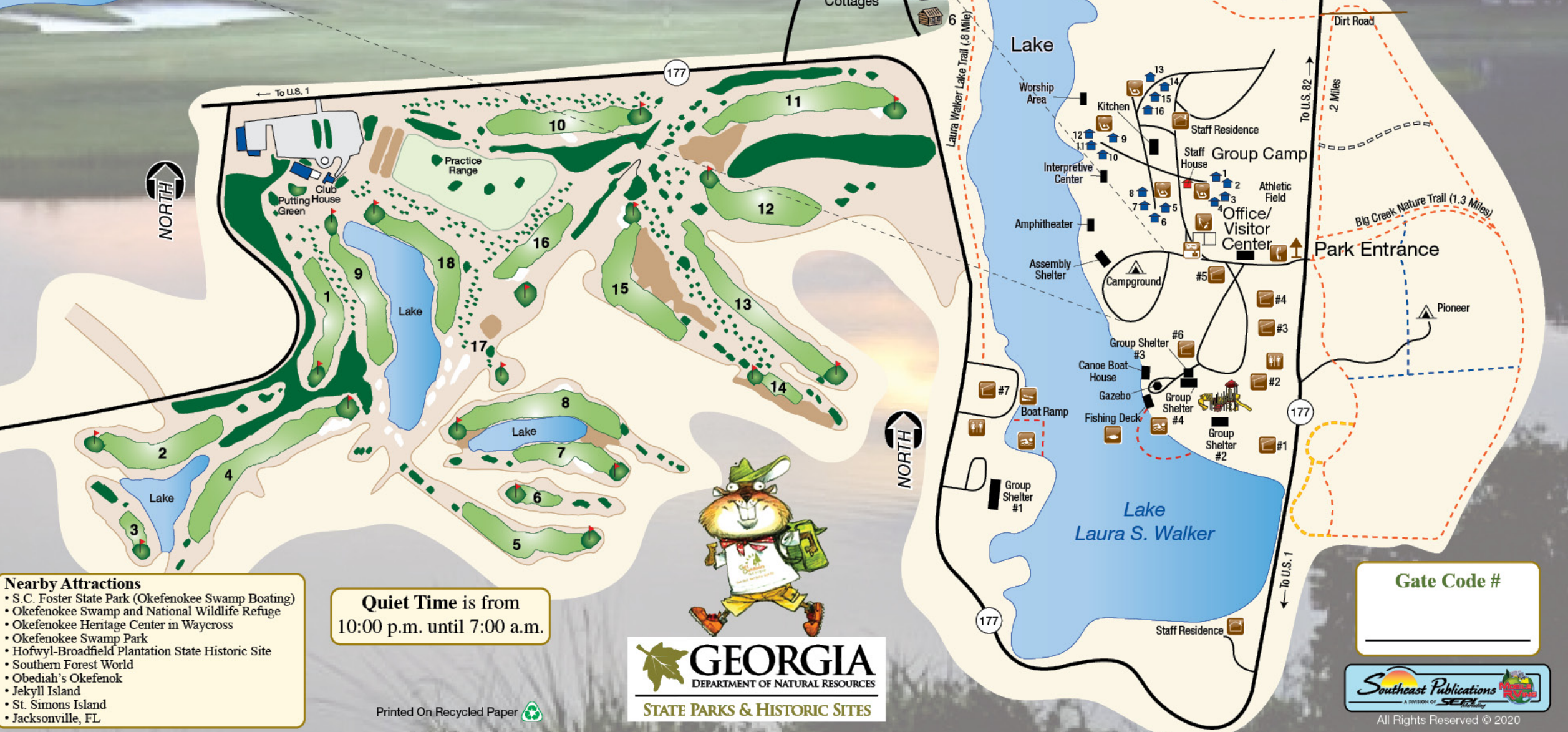
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Located near the northern edge of the mysterious Okefenokee Swamp, this park is home to many fascinating creatures and plants, including alligators. Walking along the lake shore and nature trail, visitors may see carnivorous pitcher plants, the shy gopher tortoise, numerous oak varieties, saw palmettos, yellow shafted flickers, warblers, owls and great blue herons. The park's lake offers opportunities for boating and fishing. The park's championship 18-hole golf course features a clubhouse, golf pro, unlimited weekday play and senior citizen discounts. This is one of the few state parks named after a woman, and its name is richly deserved. Laura Walker was a Georgia writer, teacher, civic leader and naturalist who was a great lover of trees and worked for their preservation.

**Legend**

	Restrooms		Cottage
	Showers		Group Camp Buildings
	Laundry		Sewer Site
	Phone		25 ft. Sites
	Dump Station		ADA Sites
	Picnic Shelter		Waterfront
	Handicap Accessible		40 ft. Sites
	Boat Ramp		Campground Host
	Swimming		Camping
	Fishing Deck		Dumpster
	Dog Park		Playground
			Trails



- Nearby Attractions**
- S.C. Foster State Park (Okefenokee Swamp Boating)
  - Okefenokee Swamp and National Wildlife Refuge
  - Okefenokee Heritage Center in Waycross
  - Okefenokee Swamp Park
  - Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation State Historic Site
  - Southern Forest World
  - Obediah's Okefenok
  - Jekyll Island
  - St. Simons Island
  - Jacksonville, FL

**Quiet Time is from 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.**



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