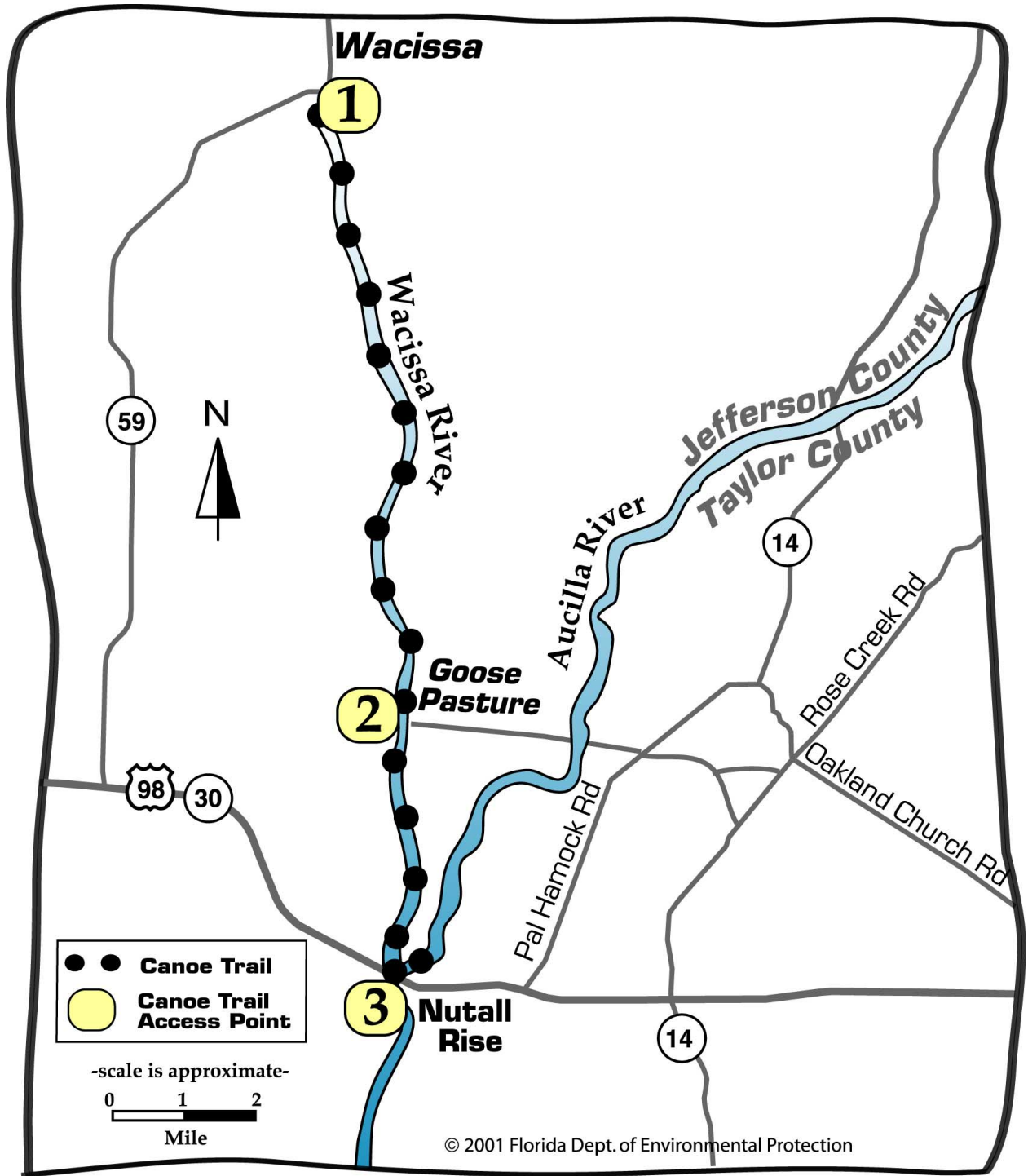


Wacissa River Canoe Trail

Sparkling waters are part of the charm of this pristine north Florida River.

The Wacissa River Canoe Trail is officially designated as part of Florida's Statewide System of Greenways and Trails. The trail is a clear, spring-fed stream. Wildlife is abundant along this narrow, fairly swift trail. Warblers sing in the trees and wading birds search for food along the river. There are numerous tributaries, some of which loop back to the main channel, and some of which melt away into the swamp, which skirts the stream. Dense woodlands border the river. The trail ends several hundred yards upstream on the Aucilla River at Nutall Rise Landing.



-continue-

Wacissa River Canoe Trail

Counties: Jefferson

Mileage: 14

Skill Level: Beginner

Difficulty: Easy for much of the river. However, please see Notes and Precautions regarding lower section.

Usual Current: Average (2-3 mph)

Notes and Precautions

The lower section of the river from Goose Pasture to the entrance to the slave canal can be extremely difficult to follow. Stay on the right side of the river after the Goose Pasture access. After approximately one mile, look for the canal to the far right. Camping is available at Goose Pasture.

Access

1. Wacissa Springs – From town of Wacissa, take SR 59 south. When SR 59 turns west, continue straight ahead to the park. On-site canoe rentals available on weekends and holidays. Rentals and guided tours available weekdays by appointment. (850) 997-6030
2. Goose Pasture Recreation Area – From town of Wacissa, take SR 59 fourteen miles south to US 98. Turn left (east) onto US 98 for about 8.5 miles to the third road on the north side of US 98 after crossing the Aucilla River. Take this road north to Goose Pasture. (9 miles)
3. Nutall Rise Landing – Same as to Goose Pasture, except after crossing the Aucilla, turn left (north) onto first graded road. (5 miles)

There may be access points (both public and private) in addition to those listed here. Please remember that some sites require a fee for launching and/or parking.



www.floridagreenwaysandtrails.org