

Local Resources

Broxton Rocks Preserve

Broxton Rocks Preserve is a unique ecological site located in southeast Georgia in rural coffee county. This site has been inhabited by a variety of people from Paleo-Indian people to early European Settlers. This 1,650 acre preserve covers a variety of unique ecosystems including sandstone outcrops, long leaf pine wiregrass woodlands, and pitcher plant seepage bogs.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Ecology (BIOL 3500K), Vertebrate Zoology (BIOL 3545K), Ornithology (BIOL 3950K), Introduction to Biological Research (BIOL 4500) and Senior Seminar (BIOL 4501).

For more information on Broxton Rocks Preserve [click](#) here

Information obtained from <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/georgia/placesweprotect/broxton-rocks.xml>



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Coffee General State Park

This park is known for agricultural history shown at Heritage Farm, with log cabins, a corn crib, tobacco barn, cane mill, and farm animals. Coffee General State Park has the scenic Seventeen-Mile River and a boardwalk wind through cypress swamp where rare and endangered plants grow.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Field Biology (BIOL 3440K), Vertebrate Zoology (BIOL 3545K), Ornithology (BIOL 3950K), Introduction to Biological Research (BIOL 4500) and Senior Seminar (BIOL 4501).

For more information on Coffee General State Park [click](#) here

Information obtained from <http://gastateparks.org/GeneralCoffee>



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Okefenokee Swamp Park

Visiting the Okefenokee Swamp Park instantly transports you into a prehistoric environment, populated by living dinosaurs (alligators), as well as unique species of carnivorous plants, rare birds and the opportunity to learn more about the ancient Okefenokee cultures.

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For more information on Okefenokee Swamp Park [click](#) here

Information obtained from
<http://www.okeswamp.com/>



Jekyll Island

Jekyll Island has miles of wide-open beaches, marshes teeming with life, and live oaks draped in Spanish moss. The Governor and the Georgia State Legislature established Jekyll Island as a state park and entrusted its care to the Jekyll Island Authority (JIA).

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For more information on Jekyll Island State Park [click here](http://www.jekyllisland.com/) (website to use for link is <http://www.jekyllisland.com/>)

Information obtained from <http://www.jekyllisland.com/jekyll-island-authority/> and <http://www.jekyllisland.com/>



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Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve

The 6,100 acres of the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve (SINERR), located along the western perimeter of Sapelo, is dedicated to research, education, stewardship, and sound management of coastal resources.

The Reserve's outreach and research initiatives focus on the island's natural ecosystems and the cultural and historical resources of Sapelo Island and the greater Altamaha River estuary.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Vertebrate Zoology (BIOL 3545K), Ornithology (BIOL 3950K), Introduction to Biological Research (BIOL 4500) and Senior Seminar (BIOL 4501).

For more information on Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve [click](#) here

Information obtained from
<http://www.sapelonerr.org/>

USDA Southeast Watershed Research Unit (Tifton)

The mission of the Southeast Watershed Research Laboratory (SEWRL) is to develop scientific understanding and associated technologies of water-shed systems essential to maintaining/enhancing the environmental and natural resource base upon which a viable, sustainable, and productive agricultural economy depends. The focus of the Laboratory is primarily on the Coastal Plain region of the southeastern U.S., a region with low-gradient drainage systems and extensive near stream riparian areas.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Ecology (BIOL 3500K)

For more information on USDA Southeast Watershed Research Unit (Tifton) [click](#) here

Information obtained from
<https://www.ars.usda.gov/southeast-area/tifton-ga/southeast-watershed-research/>

Laura S. Walker State Park

Located near the northern edge of the mysterious Okefenokee Swamp, this park is home to many fascinating creatures and plants, including alligators and carnivorous pitcher plants.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Vertebrate Zoology (BIOL 3545K) and Ornithology (BIOL 3950K).

For more information on Laura S. Walker State Park [click](#) here

Information obtained from
<http://gastateparks.org/LauraSWalker>

Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area

Grand Bay is a partnership between the Wildlife Resources Division and the Coastal Plains RESA. This facility offers a 1/2-mile boardwalk, a 54-foot tower, and an education center.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Vertebrate Zoology (BIOL 3545K) and Ornithology (BIOL 3950K).

For more information on Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area [click](#) here

Information obtained from
<http://www.georgiawildlife.org/Education/GrandBay>

Cumberland Island

Cumberland Island is Georgia's largest and southernmost barrier island. Cumberland Island sports pristine maritime forests, undeveloped beaches and wide marshes whisper the stories of both man and nature.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Vertebrate Zoology (BIOL 3545K) and Ornithology (BIOL 3950K).

For more information on Cumberland Island [click](#) here

Information obtained from <https://www.nps.gov/cuis/index.htm>

Birdsong Nature Center

Birdsong Nature Center's 565 acres of wildflower meadows, forests, ponds and swamps, are home to a myriad of birds and other wildlife.

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For more information on Birdsong Nature Center [click](#) here

Information obtained from
<http://www.birdsongnaturecenter.org/>

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1937 as a refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds, America's fish, wildlife, and plants.

SGSC BSBS courses that visit this resource or provide an opportunity for students to use this resource include Vertebrate Zoology (BIOL 3545K) and Ornithology (BIOL 3950K).

For more information on Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge [click](#) here

Information obtained from
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/>