








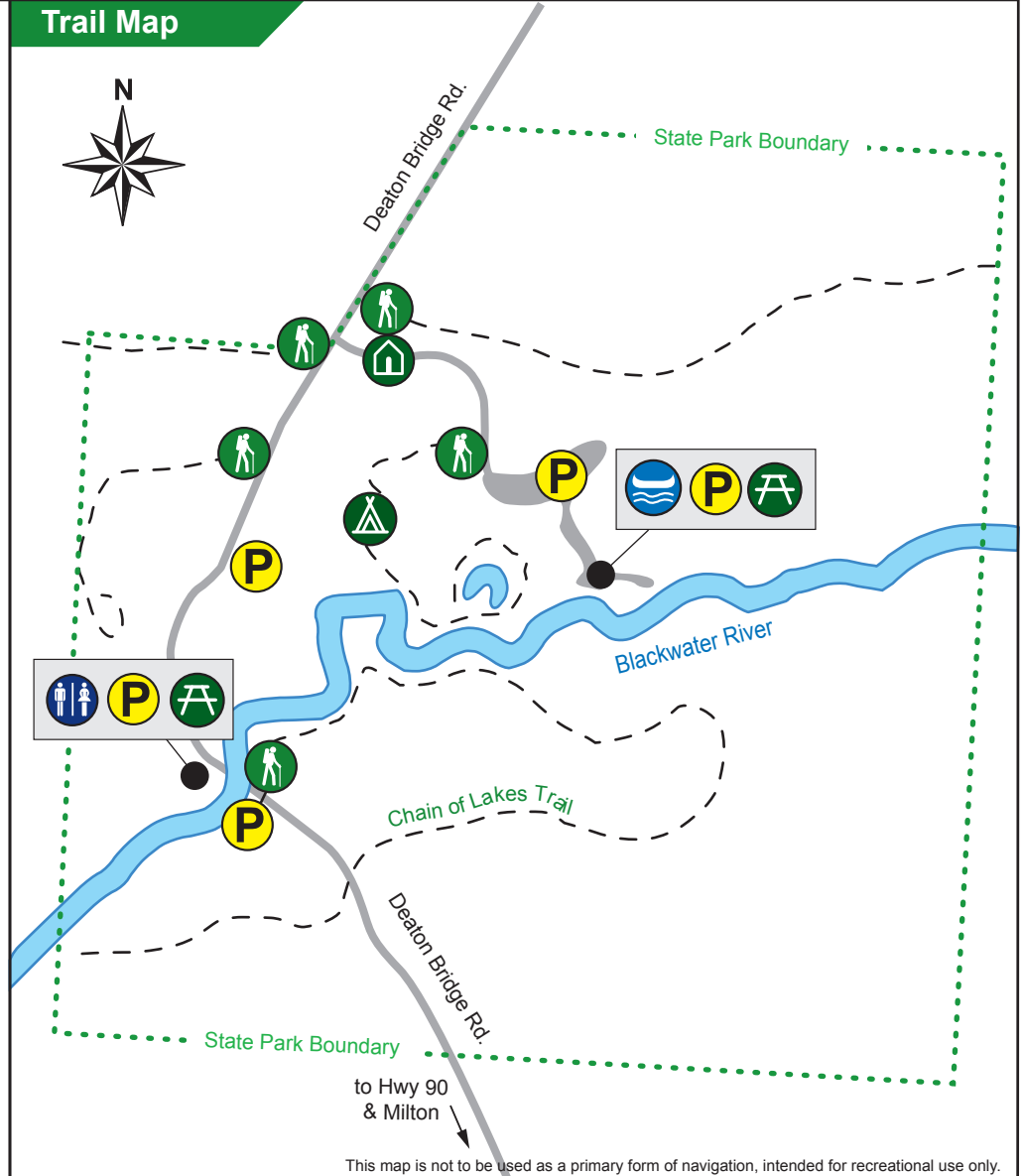
12. Blackwater River State Park

Legend

-  Trailhead (Hiking)
-  Ranger Station
-  Parking
-  Rest Rooms
-  Camping
-  Picnic Area
-  Canoe Launch



Trail Map



This map is not to be used as a primary form of navigation, intended for recreational use only.

Description

Hiking, Picnicking, Fishing, Swimming, Camping, Birding

A look at "The Real Florida". Located 15 miles northeast of Milton offering camping, swimming, fishing, nature studies, hiking and horse stables. Bring a lunch and spend the day. Guided walks and campfire programs seasonally. Local vendors offer horseback riding and canoe, kayak and tube trips on the river. Blackwater River State Park borders on the largest population of longleaf pine trees in the world. Other vegetative species include southern red oak, water oak, dogwood, persimmon, wiregrass, and wax myrtle, to name a few. Several species of the uncommon carnivorous pitcher plant are also found in abundance in the forest's water-rich soil. The rivers are among the purest sand-bottom rivers in the world. Their dark tannin waters contrast with beautiful white sand bars that offer the perfect setting for soaking up the sun. And, whether floating down the river, picnicking on a stretched out blanket, or galloping through the forest, guests should keep their eyes peeled for wildlife such as the white-tailed deer, wild turkey, bobwhite quail, Sherman's fox squirrel, and a variety of songbirds.

Birding: Nice access to floodplain hiking trails good for yellow-billed cuckoos and hairy woodpeckers in late spring and summer. Broad-winged, red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks are common and wood thrushes and prothonotary warblers breed here. Brown-headed nuthatches squeak from pines in the uplands, but the best birding trails are lower: the brief campground trails and the .9 miles Chain of Lakes Trail.

Access/Directions:

From Milton, take US 90 E approx. 9 miles to Harold. Turn left (N) on Deaton Bridge Road and drive approx. 3 miles; Entrance on the right (E) side of the road.