

## Okefenokee NWR

### Special Use Permit

#### Activities Requiring a Special Use Permit

Because of strict requirements concerning public use on National Wildlife Refuges (NWR), all commercial activities and certain other activities such as research require special permission. Some proposed activities requiring permits include:

- Filming/videotaping (**any** non-amateur work, including public television and other government entities)
- Wildlife or general photography (for publications or retail)
- Seining or **any** collection of plants, animals, soil, or water
- Any after-hours use
- Any activity in areas not open to the visiting public
- All research

When in doubt, it is best to apply for a special use permit.

#### To Request a Special Use Permit:

The permit must be requested **at least two weeks** in advance of planned activity. The request must be in writing, on letterhead if possible, and addressed to:

Project Leader, Okefenokee NWR  
Route 2, Box 3330  
Folkston, GA 31537

The request must include:

- **Who** is requesting the permit? Name and address of the permittee (if the permit is for more than one person, this person is responsible for the behavior and compliance of the entire group. Names for everyone in the group may be required.)
- **What** is the nature of the proposed activity?
- **Why** is it being conducted. (Purpose)
- Where the activity will take place (as specific as possible, boardwalk, Coffee Bay, etc.).
- **When** the activity will take place, including dates and time of the day.
- **How** the activity will be conducted. (methods and equipment)