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The Jones Center at Ichauway

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The Jones Center is located on Ichauway, a 29,000-acre property in rural southwestern Georgia. Ichauway was established as a quail hunting preserve in the 1920s by Robert W. Woodruff, the long-term leader of The Coca-Cola Company. Following his death in 1985, The Jones Center at Ichauway was established in 1991 by the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation. The property borders 13 miles of the Flint River and contains 15 miles of Ichawaynochaway Creek, 18,000 acres of upland pine forests (overwhelmingly longleaf pine), and nearly 800 acres of wetlands. Over 1,160 plant species and >360 vertebrate species have been documented on Ichauway.

Ichauway is in the Lower Flint River Basin, part of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin (ACF), that has a long history of diverse water demands and interests. These water demands come from public water use for metro Atlanta, large swaths of irrigated agricultural lands in SW Georgia, and the oyster industry of Apalachicola Bay, amongst others. Balancing the economic and ecological demands of such drastically disparate landscapes is exceedingly challenging.



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