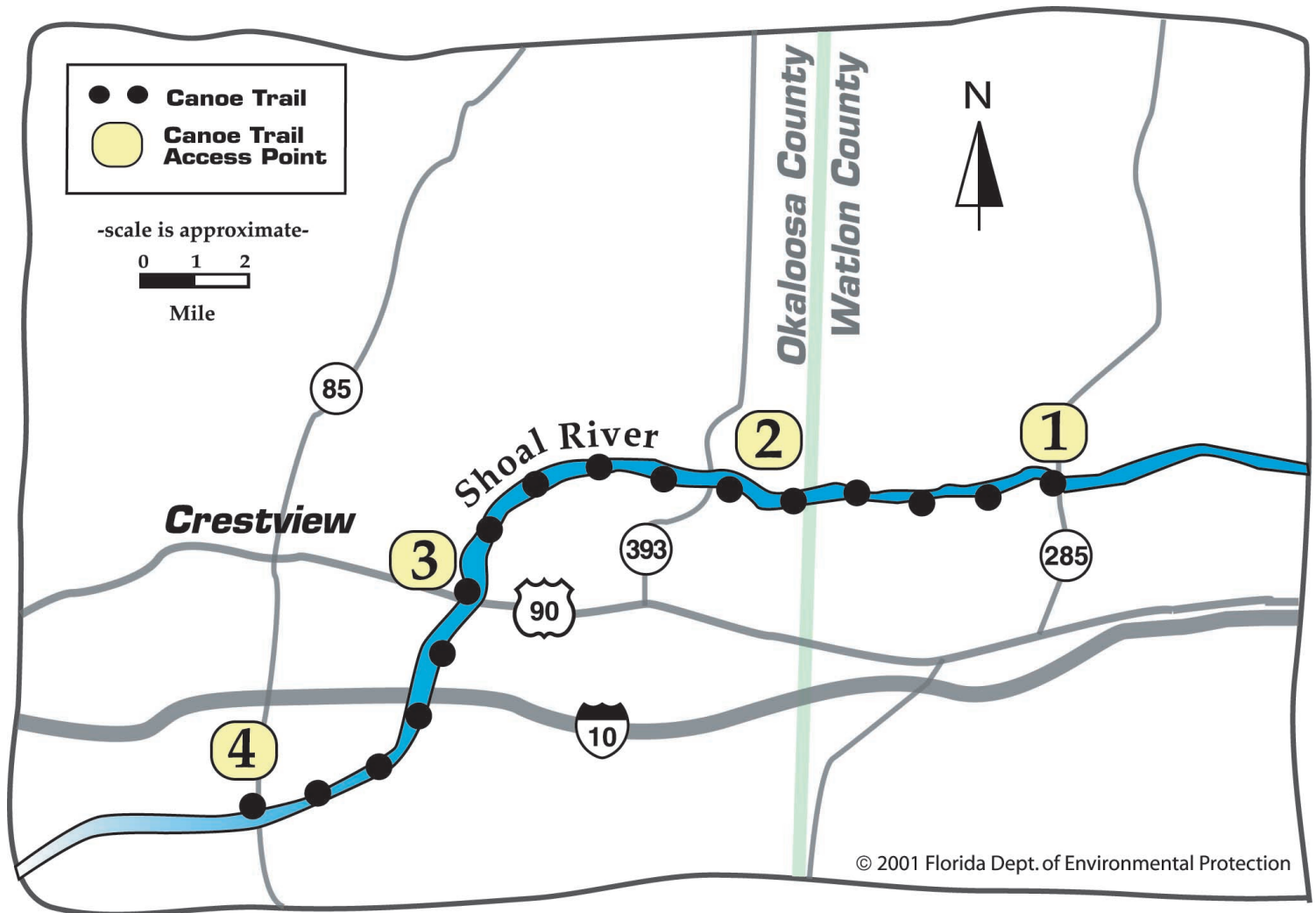


Shoal River Canoe Trail



A true wilderness experience awaits you on the Shoal River.

The Shoal River Canoe Trail is officially designated as part of Florida's Statewide System of Greenways and Trails. Twisting and turning through a remote part of the western Panhandle, the Shoal River trail covers 27 miles. Few indications of civilization are evident as you paddle through forests of maple, oak, gum, and cypress. Along the trail, creeks broaden into small lily-covered pools that provide excellent fishing. Sandbars along the bends of the river make good campsites. This narrow river is usually 3-4 feet deep, and water levels do not generally fluctuate more than 3 feet.



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Counties: Okaloosa, Walton

Mileage: 27

Skill Level: Beginner

Difficulty: Easy

Usual Current: Average (2-3 mph)

Notes and Precautions

Between Access 1 and 2, there are two wooden bridges that collect debris which can be dangerous, especially at high water. The end of the trail is on the northern boundary of the Eglin Air Force Base Reservation. Obtain a base recreation permit if you plan to enter the reservation. Information about permits can be obtained by calling (850) 882-4164 or writing Eglin National Resources, 107 Highway 85 North, Niceville, FL 32578. You can continue seven miles past the takeout at SR 85 to the junction with the Yellow River, another state canoe trail.

Access

1. SR 285 Bridge – 3.5 miles north of US 90 / SR 285 junction
2. SR 393 Bridge – About 3 miles north of SR 393 / US 90 intersection. (10 miles)
3. US 90 Bridge – 4 miles east of Crestview. (8 miles)
4. SR 85 Bridge – At wayside park, 5 miles south of Crestview. (9 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.



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