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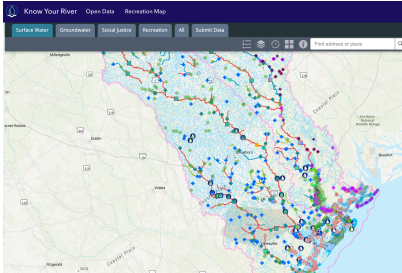
Ogeechee Riverkeeper®

Newsletter
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ORK's summer interns

Please welcome Shawn and Naomi, two fish and wildlife management majors from Ogeechee Technical College, who will be interning with ORK this summer. Shawn will primarily be assisting with the [Protect the Vernon Project](#), and plans to continue his education at Savannah State University in the marine sciences program. Naomi will collect and record litter and water quality monitoring data, conduct [citizen science monitoring](#) for wildlife, and more.

[Learn more about the summer interns](#)[Explore the site](#)

New data site launched

Ogeechee Riverkeeper assisted Savannah Riverkeeper in compiling data for the new [Know Your River](#) website. The site gives users the ability to interact with multiple parameters and layers of information as well as a download raw data for use and analysis. The site is a work-in-progress and information will continue to be added. Join the [free training webinar](#) on Tuesday, 2-3 p.m.

Moxostoma robustum

Once thought to be extinct, the robust redhorse has been rediscovered and stocked in a few waterways, including the Ogeechee River. Missing from the scientific record for 122 years, it was conclusively identified again in 1991.

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Corporate sponsorships

Ogeechee Riverkeeper offers annual [corporate sponsorships](#) with multiple levels of giving. Your annual sponsorship comes with a number of perks (including company-only events and tickets to our annual Oyster Roast), supports us in our ongoing efforts, and helps us reach more people in our watershed.

Day trip paddles

Check out these trips between 12-15 miles long (on the river) and take about a day if going at a leisurely pace. This speed is only an estimate and can be affected by multiple factors including water levels, rate of flow, obstacles, paddler speed and more.

Never paddle alone and only go out on the river when it is safe to do so.



[Paddle maps](#)



[Sign up to volunteer](#)

Volunteer cleanups

The next public cleanup will be held **July 10** in the Vernon River watershed and ORK needs volunteers. [Get details and sign up!](#)

ORK has the cutest volunteers! Thanks to Shelby, Liam, Emme, Leighton, Finn, Jade, and Lauren for cleaning up near Fort McAllister.

Natural Tie-dye

Instead of putting fruit and vegetable waste straight in the trash or compost, save it in the fridge until you're ready to [tie dye-naturally](#). You can use many veggies or scraps and they all have varying degrees of pigment.



[Tie-dye ideas](#)



[Sign up for training](#)

Sign up to sample the Vernon

ORK is looking for volunteers who are willing to take samples as we work to [Protect the Vernon](#). Citizen scientists will be trained by ORK staff and assigned a location to monitor within the Vernon watershed. The data collected will be crucial in helping identify and fix water quality issues.

Sign up to be alerted for the next training session.

**AUGUST 28**

Members Only: Birding with
Ogeechee Audubon

[Details](#)**OCTOBER 23**

Members Only: Paddle Trip
at George Smith State Park

[Details](#)**NOVEMBER 4**

Annual Oyster Roast
Mark Your Calendars!

[Details to come](#)

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preserve and improve the waterways within our basin.**

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