

# Ocklawaha River Guides

## CAPTAIN KAREN CHADWICK



Owner and Operator of North Star Charters and Paleo-Art, exhibit design and production, Interlachen, FL

As a Florida native, Captain Karen Chadwick spent a great deal of her childhood exploring and enjoying the woods and waterways of her home state. Following a decision to pursue the arts, she received a BFA for sculpture and painting from the Ringling School of Art and Design in 1988. Since that time, Karen has worked with environmental education centers and museums to fabricate exhibits and has been featured in fine art gallery shows around the state.

Expanding on her enjoyment as an avid boater, Karen obtained her Captain's license and started her North Star Charter service. Heritage tours are her specialty. While plying the rivers, lakes and coastal regions of north central Florida, Karen relays information relating to the fossil record and historical events that have taken place along the shorelines.

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## CAPTAIN ERIKA RITTER



Owner and Operator of A Cruising Down the River, Eureka, FL

Captain Erika Ritter's family has lived in Florida since the early 1800's. She bought her first fiberglass canoe at age 18 and then a big Jon boat with a 65 hp motor in her 30s. In 1983, after years of working in a dental office, she and her then husband started a pontoon boat business in Marion County. They led the first environmental tours in the area. The Silver River to Silver Springs was their first love and fishing the Ocklawaha with folks was their joy.

Today, her tours focus on the Ocklawaha River, right outside her door. In 2006, she bought a pontoon boat and has been spreading the word about getting the lost fish back and water quality improved by removing the dam that has permanently choked the Silver and Ocklawaha Rivers.

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# About the tours

## NORTH STAR CHARTERS

Captain Karen Chadwick is committed to make your day on the water a memorable experience customized just for you. There are a multitude of opportunities for your very own adventure. Captain Karen is well versed in the history of this area. She can regale you with stories relating to the fossil record and historical events that have taken place along the shorelines.

### DESTINATIONS & RATES

Destinations include Silver River, Crystal River, Matanzas Inlet, St. Johns River, Matanzas and Tolomato Rivers, Lochloosa Lake, Ocklawaha River, Yankee Town and Salt Springs. The rate is \$60 per hour, with a two hour minimum fee.

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Everyone needs to visit Eureka Florida at least once. Call Captain Erika for a personalized trip. Trips are available Monday - Sunday.

### DESTINATIONS & RATES

**Ocklawaha River:** You get to set up starting times, type of trip (sightseeing, birding, fishing, photography etc.) and length of trip.

Trips start at \$20 per person for 2 hours - \$10 each person for each additional hour. Private tours include a max of six passengers for \$120 for 2 hours - add \$60 for each additional hour. Six passengers is my boats legal maximum limit.

**Silver Springs and River:** Trip cost for up to six is \$180 for 3 hours and \$60 for each additional hour. \$240 for up to 4 hours includes a complete tour of the head water springs. No per person rates available.

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