Movies and Videos Filmed in the Okefenokee Swamp

Swamp Water (1941) 88 minutes. <u>Dana Andrews</u>, <u>Walter Brennan</u>, <u>Jean Renoir</u>, Walter Houston, Ward Bond, Anne Baxter. Directors: Jean Renoir, Irving Pichel (uncredited) Writers: Vereen Bell (novel)

A hunter happens upon a fugitive and his daughter living in a Georgia swamp. He falls in love with the girl and persuades the fugitive to return to town.

Lure of the Wilderness (1952) 93 minutes. Director: Jean Negulesco Writers: Vereen Bell (novel), Louis Lantz (screenplay) Stars: Jean Peters, Jeffrey Hunter, Constance Smith From another source: <u>Jeffrey Hunter, Walter Brennan Jean Peters</u> (Actor)A young girl and her father, who is unjustly accused of murder, seek refuge in a Georgia swamp until they are befriended by a trapper who penetrates the swamp in search of his dog. World premiere in Waycross, GA: 16 Jul 1952

Swamp Girl (1971)- Director: *Donald A. Davis (as Don Davis)*

Writers: Jack Vaughn (original story), Jay Kulp (original story), Stars: Ferlin Husky, Claude King, Steve Drexel

A little blonde girl who is abandoned by her parents in the Florida swamps is rescued and raised by a black man she calls her "Pa". She takes it upon herself to protect all the creatures in her swamp from poachers and other dangers, and wins the respect of the local sheriff. One day an escaped convict and her boyfriend take the girl prisoner and try to force her to guide them through the swamp in their escape from the law. However, the girl has other ideas.

Swamp Country (1966)- *on same DVD as Swamp Girl.* 93 minutes. Director: Robert Patrick Writer: David DaLie (screenplay) Stars: Rex Allen, Sue Casey, David DaLie In a small southern swamp town, a local girl is found murdered. A young California man passing through town is blamed, and in fleeing the local lynch mob he escapes into the Okeefeenokee Swamp, where he runs into even more dangers.

Black Fury (1953)- An independent production picked up for distribution by the shorts department of Warner Brothers. Directed and photographed by the Florida-based Ted and Vincent Saizis, who confined most of their work (features and shorts) to the southeastern United States (and most of that done in the Okeefenokee park and swamp areas of Georgia and Florida), and some second-unit work for many major companies in other areas of the U.S. This one involves the tracking down and killing of a rogue bear, in Georgia's Okeefenokee Swamp Park, by a party of swamp men led by naturalist David Da Lie

There is another 1935 movie also named Black Fury

Tender Warrior (1971) (with Dan Haggarty, VHS at \$149 on Amazon) The sheriff of a small Georgia town on the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp does nothing to stop a family of white-trash moonshiners from trapping and killing defenseless animals. But Sammy, a young swamp-boy, takes matters into his own hands. Assisted by his pet chimp, Chuck, Sammy launches a campaign to free the trapped animals. "Pa" Lucas and his idiot sons don't take kindly to Sammy's scheme of beating them out of butter-and-egg money, and are soon chasing Sammy and Chuck over swamp and quagmire. As if young Sammy didn't have enough troubles eluding the Lucas family, he soon finds himself being hotly pursed by a leopard, an escapee from a circus. (Some Christian books with the same name)

The Living Swamp (1955) by David DaLie (see Black Fury and Swamp Country) a short, documentary 33 minutes in length

Realm of the Alligator (1986) produced by National Geographic Society. Scientists as they study the behavior of huge, powerful alligators in the Okefenokee wilderness. Narrated by Parnell Roberts

Land of the Trembling Earth (1952)

Swampwise (2005)- an Emmy-winning GPB production, available online, documentary that explores the swamp with host Okefenokee Joe, aka Dick Flood. Flood, a country music singer/songwriter, is also a professional naturalist and ardent environmentalist. He is well-known to GPB viewers from his first documentary, The Joy of Snakes. He lived in the Okefenokee Swamp for ten years, learning first-hand about the animals and plants in the area.

This hour-long program, punctuated by Flood's original songs, tracks the seasonal changes in the swamp. As Flood explores the Okefenokee's waterways, he shows us how to live off the land and visits historical sites. Along the way he talks to descendants of the swamp's pioneer settlers and discusses the Okefenokee's future









