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ALABAMA - FLORIDA - GEORGIA

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ACCESS ROUTE: Georgia claims all of the Chattahoochee River between Georgia and Alabama, so the tri-point is at the high water mark on the Alabama shore at the Florida line

The State of Alabama Code Book describes the boundary as follows: "The boundary line between AL and GA commences on the W side of the Chattahoochee R. at the point where it enters Florida; from thence up the river, along the western bank thereof to the point on Miller's Bend." Continuing, "Between AL and FL is a line commonly known as the "mound line" or "Ellicott's line", (surveyed 1795-1799), as distinguished from a blazed line known as the "upper" or "Coffee" line, (surveyed in the 1820's), commencing at a point on the Chattahoochee R. near a place known as "Irwin's Mills"; and from thence to the Perdido R., marked the whole distance by blazes on trees and by mounds of earth, at distances of about one mile."

From Dothan, AL go about 18 miles E on US 84, then S 10 mi. on route 95 to the FL line. Note that AL 95 becomes FL 164. At 0.3 mile into FL stop at the first house (#5958) on the left (E) to get permission to drive in on private farm roads to point x (see map). Follow either of the routes marked on the map. The more northerly was recommended by Greg Weiler, of Birdsboro, PA and may be better than the more southerly route which we took. Drive in about 2½ mi., then walk the short remaining distance. Point x is less than ¼ mile from the river. The fence line termination at the river bank was assumed to be the tri-point. No markers were found in the vicinity but Michael Donner reports finding an old, overgrown "Welcome to Florida" sign a few hundred feet north of the fence line. No markers were found at this location either.

Jack Parsell at the tri-point on the Chattahoochee river bank.

