

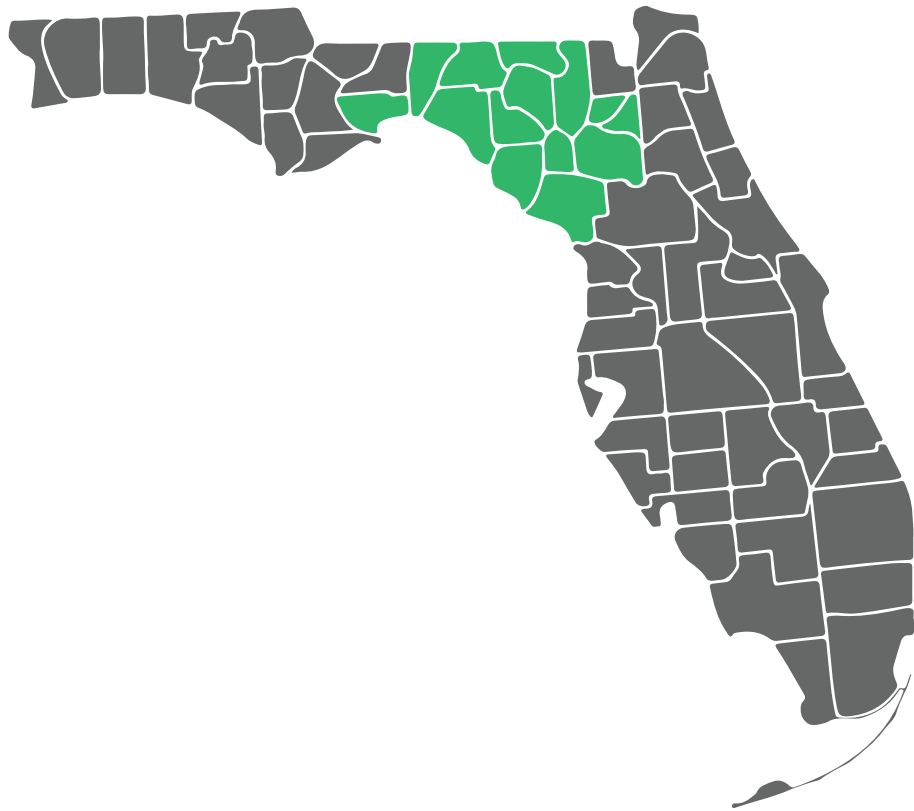


# Natural Springs GUIDE

*Visit Natural*  
**NORTH FLORIDA**

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# VISIT NATURAL NORTH FLORIDA



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# INTRODUCTION

## Natural North Florida is Springs Country

Powered by the Floridan Aquifer, the largest self-replenishing freshwater aquifer in the world, Natural North Florida is home to the largest collection of freshwater springs on the planet. The region has over 300 documented springs! Of the state's 33 first-magnitude springs (the really big ones), 19 are located in Natural North Florida. Our springs have attracted people since prehistoric times, and today visitors from all over the world come to north Florida to swim, dive, float, play and relax in these unique natural wonders.

The springs featured in this guide represent some of the largest and nicest springs in the region. For that matter, they are some of the largest and nicest springs in the world! Some are privately-owned, but open to the public, while others are owned by either state or local governments. Some offer overnight accommodations. Some are very popular with the locals, while others are seldom visited. All are accessible by automobile, and all are family friendly.

## Online Interactive Springs Guide

Visit our interactive Springs Guide on our website, [www.vnnf.org/springs](http://www.vnnf.org/springs) for more information about the springs, as well as nearby eating and accommodation options. You can leave messages about your experiences, and even rate each spring featured in this guide.

## Where is Natural North Florida?

Natural North Florida is the northern part of the state between Tallahassee and Jacksonville, but includes neither. Rather, it is the area in-between. Its largest city, Gainesville, is home of the University of Florida. The region consists of approximately 9,000 square miles/23,300 square kilometers and includes the towns of Monticello (the Florida Monticello) and Sopchoppy (yes, Sopchoppy!) to the west, Cedar Key to the south, Starke to the east, and Jennings to the north. We are located approximately 75 miles/120 kilometers west of Jacksonville and approximately 50 miles/80 kilometers east of Tallahassee. Tampa and Orlando are approximately 100 miles/160 kilometers to the south while Atlanta, Georgia is approximately 300 miles/480 kilometers to the north.



## How to Get Here

Natural North Florida can be reached by automobile from Tallahassee by Interstate Highway 10 or U.S. Highway 19/98 in one hour, from Jacksonville by Interstate Highway 10 in one and one-half hours, from Tampa by Interstate Highway 75 in three hours, Orlando by the Florida Turnpike and Interstate Highway 75 in two and one-half hours and from Atlanta by Interstate Highway 75 in five hours.

We are served by Gainesville Regional Airport, with daily flights to and from Atlanta, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Miami, Florida. The Tallahassee Regional Airport has daily flights to and from Atlanta, Georgia; Charlotte, North Carolina; Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas; Miami, Florida; and Orlando, Florida. The area is also served by the nearby Jacksonville International Airport which has daily connecting flights from most major U.S. cities. International visitors can reach the area from the Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Miami, Orlando and Tampa international airports.

## More About Springs

Springs occur when water pressure causes a natural flow of groundwater onto the earth's surface. As rainwater enters or "recharges" the Floridan Aquifer, pressure is placed on the water already present underground. This pressure moves groundwater through cracks and tunnels within the aquifer to the surface at places called springs. Springs are classified by how much water they discharge. First magnitude springs discharge roughly 748 gallons/2,831 liters per second (that's a lot of water!). Most of springs in the region are associated with a river. Some, such as Wakulla Springs, serve as river headwaters. Approximately 100 springs are located near (some even within the riverbed of) the Suwannee River. Additional information on springs, how they occur, and the underlying geology of the region can be found at <http://www.srwmd.state.fl.us/index.aspx?NID=56>.

## Overview

Neighbor to the area's well-known Devil's Den is the recently renovated Blue Grotto. A privately-owned spring, Blue Grotto offers scuba diving and welcomes cave-certified divers. The crystal-clear waters of Blue Grotto Springs are a constant 72 degrees. It is a great place to scuba, cave-dive or take dive lessons from a professional instructor! Satisfy your adventurous side getting down deep with incredible aquatic life and underwater scenery.

The Blue Grotto provides amazing views and an unforgettable experience for all daring enough to explore its depths. Entry costs are low, making it the perfect day trip for any individual traveler, couple or family. With a reservation, visitors can rent motel rooms or campsites. You can also bring a picnic lunch or run to nearby Williston for some BBQ or a sandwich.

## Activities

Canoeing	Snorkeling	Fishing
Swimming	Scuba Diving	Tubing

## Rentals

Scuba

## Nearby

Restaurants	Shopping	Wineries
Places to Stay	Culture	Bike Trails
Camping	Gas Stations	



# BLUE GROTTTO

WILLISTON, FL

### Address

3852 NE 172 Ct  
Williston, FL 32696

### Phone Number

352.528.5770

### Price

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### Website

[www.divebluegrotto.com](http://www.divebluegrotto.com)

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Camping  
RV Hookups

### Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

### Restrictions

No Pets  
Springs Restricted to Divers and Dive Students



# GILCHRIST BLUE SPRINGS PARK

BELL, FL

## Address

7450 NE 60th Street  
High Springs, FL

## Phone Number

386.454.1369

## Price

\$

## Website

[bluespringspark.com](http://bluespringspark.com)

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Camping  
RV Hookups

## Hours

Monday	9 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday	9 AM - 6 PM
Wednesday	9 AM - 6 PM
Thursday	9 AM - 6 PM
Friday	9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 6 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 6 PM

## Restrictions

No Pets  
No Scuba

## Overview

East of the rural town of Bell is Blue Springs Park, a freshwater retreat for explorers, nature enthusiasts and aqua-holics. This natural playground is renowned for its 72-degree, clear blue water for swimming and snorkeling. Anderson's Outdoor Adventures, an outdoor and aquatic equipment rental company, is available onsite making it easy for guests to rent masks, paddleboards or kayaks to explore the spring or the Santa Fe River.

At the spring, visitors are encouraged walk the quarter-mile-long boardwalk that connects the park to the Santa Fe River. The nature trail winds through the north Florida pines and thick shrubbery, which are teeming with wildlife. Guests can also picnic at the park as it is furnished with benches, pavilions, and tables under shady oaks. A concession stand, a volleyball court with overhead sprinkler, horseshoe pits, and restrooms are all available on the grounds, as well as a bathhouse for showering.

## Activities

Canoeing	Tubing	Fishing
Kayaking	Paddleboard	Snorkeling
Swimming	Horseshoe	Volleyball
Biking		

## Rentals

Canoes	Tubes	Snorkels
Kayaks	Masks	Pavilion Spaces
Paddleboards		

## Nearby

Restaurants	Culture	Hiking Trails
Places to Stay	Biking Trails	Diving

## Overview

Looking for the perfect family getaway? Look no further than Bronson Blue Springs! This quaint Florida spring is the perfect location for a long weekend. Grab the kids and enjoy a day of swimming and snorkeling. Fishing is also welcome here. When you want your land legs back, enjoy one of the many great hiking trails that pass through the Devil's Hammock Wildlife Management Area. There are restrooms, picnic tables and a concession stand on the property, as well as many delicious restaurants nearby like the Ivy House and A&A Bar-B-Que.

## Activities

Biking	Snorkeling	Swimming
Hiking	Tubing	Volleyball

## Rentals

Float and Tube rentals available.

## Nearby

Restaurants	Gas Stations	Hiking Trails
Places to Stay	Wineries	Diving
Culture		



# BRONSON BLUE SPRINGS

WILLISTON, FL

### Address

4550 NE 94th Place  
Bronson, FL

### Phone Number

352.486.3303

### Price

\$

### Website

<http://bit.ly/2dcijJ9>

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Concessions  
Playground

### Hours

Monday	10 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday	10 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday	10 AM - 7:30 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday	10 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday	10 AM - 7:30 PM
Sunday	10 AM - 7:30 PM

Park only open during March 19th - October 1st

### Restrictions

No Pets  
No Camping or RV Hookups



# CONVICT SPRING

MAYO, FL

## Address

828 N.E. Primrose Rd.,  
Mayo, Florida

## Phone Number

386.294.2510

## Price

\$

## Website

N/A

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers

Dogs Allowed  
Camping Allowed\*

\*136 full hook up RV sites.  
Cabins, rooms, and primitive  
camping sites also available.

## Hours

Monday	9 AM - 11 PM
Tuesday	9 AM - 11 PM
Wednesday	9 AM - 11 PM
Thursday	9 AM - 11 PM
Friday	9 AM - 11 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 11 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 11 PM

## Overview

Convict Spring, at the Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort & Campground, features century-old oak trees which shade the campground and resort. The Rendezvous has 1,500 feet of shoreline on the beautiful Suwannee River, and is home to one of the friendliest privately-owned campsites in North Florida. Be sure to have the family ready for some outdoor fun!

Visitors arrive in campers of all shapes and styles, large and small, and enjoy campsites with full RV hookups. Some choose to stay in the sunshine of the new campground, but others (tents, too!) prefer the shade of the original park. If you travel light, there are cabins and motel-style rooms available, too. Canoe and kayak rentals and trips are available and Grandma Susie's Cooking Shack is open every weekend from 8AM – 11PM for breakfast, lunch and dinner (and you won't want to miss her famous homemade desserts and ice cream).

## Activities

Canoeing	Biking	Snorkeling
Kayaking*	Tubing	Scuba
Swimming	Fishing	

\*Kayaking available on adjacent Suwannee River

## Rentals

Canoes	Kayaks
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## Nearby

Restaurants	Culture	Hiking Trails
Places to Stay	Biking Trails	Diving
Camping		

## Overview

Early visitors to this historical wonder observed smoke-like steam emitting from the cave's chimney, and named it "Devil's Den". An archaeological jackpot, Devil's Den has been host to numerous fossils, including an early hominid dated 75,000 BCE, and a menagerie of now long-extinct animals.

Like many north Florida springs, the water is a consistent 72 degrees inside the Den, so its intriguing rock formations and natural beauty remain accessible to snorkelers and divers all year. Due to its splendor and historical richness, the site is extremely popular, and capacity is limited for safety reasons – if you plan to visit during the heavily trafficked summer months, consult devilsden.com for average wait times.

## Activities

Scuba Diving

Snorkeling

## Rentals

Scuba Gear

Snorkeling Gear

## Nearby

Restaurants

Wineries

Biking Trails

Places to Stay

Hiking Trails

Diving

Culture



# DEVIL'S DEN

WILLISTON, FL

### Address

5390 NE 180th Ave  
Williston, FL

### Phone Number

352.528.3344

### Price

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### Website

[www.devilsden.com/](http://www.devilsden.com/)

### Amenities

Public Bathrooms  
Camping  
RV Hookups  
Boardwalk to River  
Trails  
Playground

### Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

### Restrictions

No Pets  
18+ Snorkeling & Scuba Diving  
Limited to Snorkeling and Scuba Diving only





# FANNING SPRINGS STATE PARK

FANNING SPRINGS, FL

## Address

18020 US 19,  
Fanning Springs, FL

## Phone Number

352.463.3420

## Price

\$

## Website

<http://bit.ly/2cLUyRe>

## Amenities

Family/Pet Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Primitive Camping  
Boardwalk to River

Picnicking  
Cabins  
Trails  
Playground

## Hours

Monday	8 AM - 7 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 7 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 7 PM
Thursday	8 AM - 7 PM
Friday	8 AM - 7 PM
Saturday	8 AM - 7 PM
Sunday	8 AM - 7 PM

## Restrictions

N/A

## Overview

Fanning Springs State Park is located at the intersection of US 19/98 and the mighty Suwannee River. This inviting source of cool, clear 72-degree water has attracted people for thousands of years. Fanning Spring was a first-magnitude springs in the 1990s, but now produces less than 65 million gallons of water daily, making it a second-magnitude spring.

Visitors can enter the park by car or by boat from the Suwannee River to enjoy swimming or snorkeling in the spring on a hot day. A boardwalk overlooks the spring and river, complemented by a picnic area, playground, and sand volleyball court. White-tailed deer, gray squirrels, red-shouldered hawks, pileated woodpeckers, and barred owls are some of the animals seen in the park - and during winter months, you may be lucky enough to spot a manatee!

## Activities

Canoeing	Tubing	Scuba Diving
Kayaking	Fishing	Hiking
Swimming	Picnicking	
Biking	Snorkeling	

## Rentals

Canoes	Kayaks
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## Nearby

Restaurants	Culture	Hiking Trails
Places to Stay	Biking Trails	Diving
Camping		

## Overview

The late diving pioneer and conservationist Jacques Cousteau captured Ginnie Springs quite simply: “Visibility – forever.” Flowing out to the Santa Fe River, the clear and inviting spring remains a constant 72 degrees year-round and is a playground for swimmers, snorkelers, tubers and divers alike. While Ginnie is known for its impressive network of underwater caves, beginners need not be afraid of this fantastic scuba destination. Ginnie Springs’ moderate entrance fee is well worth it for a day of exploration, fun, and aquatic adventure.

If you prefer to spend time on land, Ginnie Springs Park is also home to several recreational activities. Volleyballs are available for rent alongside aquatic equipment and concessions. Camping facilities are also available on site.

## Activities

Hiking	Fishing	Paddleboard
Biking	Tubing	Volleyball
Canoeing	Scuba Diving	Football
Kayaking	Swimming	

## Rentals

Tubes	Floats	Footballs
Kayaks	Volleyballs	Paddleboards
Canoes	Snorkeling	Diving Equipment

## Nearby

Restaurants	Culture	Camping
Places to Stay	Biking Trails	



# GINNIE SPRINGS

BELL, FL

### Address

7300 Ginnie Springs Rd,  
High Springs, FL

### Phone Number

386.454.7188

### Price

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### Website

[www.ginniespringsoutdoors.com](http://www.ginniespringsoutdoors.com)

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Camping  
RV Hookups

### Hours

Summer:

Mon–Thurs 8 AM - 7 PM

Fri–Sat 8 AM - 10 PM

Sunday 8 AM - 8 PM

Winter:

Mon–Thurs 8 AM - 4 PM

Fri–Sat 8 AM - 8 PM

Sunday 8 AM - 6 PM

### Restrictions

No Pets



# GORNTO SPRINGS

OLD TOWN, FL

## Address

2463 NE 816 Ave,  
Old Town, FL

## Phone Number

352.498.1426

## Price

FREE

## Website

N/A

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Onsite Camping

## Hours

Monday	Sunrise – Sunset
Tuesday	Sunrise – Sunset
Wednesday	Sunrise – Sunset
Thursday	Sunrise – Sunset
Friday	Sunrise – Sunset
Saturday	Sunrise – Sunset
Sunday	Sunrise – Sunset

## Restrictions

No Pets

## Overview

There aren't many "plain 'ol swimmin' holes" left anymore, but charming Gornto Springs channels the swimming hole vibe with a small beach and diving platform. A platform on the south side provides a view of the vent, 10 feet under the clear blue water. Visitors may take advantage of a parking area on the south side of the spring and a picnic shelter on the north side.

Gornto Spring County Park has nice restrooms, picnic facilities and a boat ramp. Many guests select Gornto as a launch site as they make their way to gatherings at nearby Rock Bluff. There is both primitive camping (\$10 a night) or camping with electricity for tents and RVs (\$20 a night). Open and free to enter from daylight to dusk.

## Activities

Biking	Fishing	Tubing
Canoeing	Scuba Diving	Swimming
Kayaking		

## Rentals

No rentals available.

## Nearby

Restaurants	Camping	Biking Trails
Places to Stay	Culture	Hiking Trails

## Overview

Welcome to Hart Springs, one of the largest spring-fed swimming areas in the state of Florida. Enjoy camping from tent to full RV hookups, picnicking, boating, fishing, swimming, snorkeling, birding, biking and hiking. Dive deep to look for buried treasure in this clear blue spring.

At Hart Springs, you're sure to enjoy a day of natural beauty on land or deep in the water. The location provides access to 55 miles of Gilchrist County river shoreline and your choice of countless refreshing natural springs. When you're ready to get active, stroll down the half-mile boardwalk to rent canoes, kayaks, tubes, bikes, basketballs, volleyballs, and horseshoes.

## Activities

Biking	Tubing	Scuba Diving
Canoeing	Volleyball	Swimming
Kayaking	Basketball	Horseshoe
Fishing		

## Rentals

Tubes	Kayaks	Canoes
Sports Equipment		

## Nearby

Restaurants	Culture	Diving
Places to Stay	Biking Trails	Hiking Trails



# HART SPRINGS

BELL, FL

### Address

4240 SW 86th Ave,  
Bell, FL

### Hours

Year Round	9 AM - 5 PM
Summer	9 AM - Sundown

### Phone Number

352.463.3444

### Price

\$

### Website

[www.hartsprings.com](http://www.hartsprings.com)

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Camping  
RV Hookups

### Restrictions

No Pets



# ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

FORT WHITE, FL

## Address

12087 Southwest U.S. 27,  
Fort White, FL

## Phone Number

386.497.4690

## Price

\$

## Website

<http://bit.ly/2cciDg7>

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Dogs Allowed  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers

## Hours

Monday	8 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 6 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 6 PM
Thursday	8 AM - 6 PM
Friday	8 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	8 AM - 6 PM
Sunday	8 AM - 6 PM

## Restrictions

No Camping

## Overview

One of the most visited natural landmarks in the region, Ichetucknee Springs State Park is a must-see. Ichetucknee is a spring-fed, crystal-clear river approximately six miles in length. Ichetucknee is one of Florida's top tubing destinations! Tubes and kayaks are available for rent through vendors located outside the park. Due to its popularity as a tubing destination, Ichetucknee Springs is often very busy during summer weekends and holidays; however the long lines can be avoided by arriving early. The park charges a small entrance fee.

Ichetucknee is also an excellent location for scuba diving, snorkeling, cave exploration, swimming, and paddle-boarding. For the ultimate relaxation experience, visitors can choose to let the river's flow do all the work. Scuba diving is also available through the months of October to March in the gorgeous Blue Hole for certified scuba instructors only.

The centrally located Ichetucknee connects to several springs, including Ginnie, Lilly and Poe, and is conveniently near the town of High Springs, which boasts a number of great restaurants and boutiques.

## Activities

Biking	Fishing	Swimming
Canoeing	Scuba Diving*	Hiking
Kayaking	Tubing**	

\*October - March scuba diving is available in the Blue Hole only, for cave certified divers.

\*\*South Entrance tubing available year-round. North Entrance tubing available only from Memorial Day - Labor Day.

## Rentals

Tubes	Snorkeling	Diving Equipment
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## Nearby

Restaurants	Camping	Diving
Places to Stay	Culture	Hiking Trails

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE](http://VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE)

## Overview

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Visitors to Lafayette Blue Springs State Park can take a dip in the spring, cross the natural limestone bridge that spans it, marvel at the iconic Suwannee River, or picnic under the shade of oak trees with their swaying Spanish moss. The spring is Lafayette County's most visited location and accommodates every kind of adventure seeker. Fish or canoe on the Suwannee River or stay in one of the park's rental vacation cabins which stand on stilts high above the riverbank. Bicycling, hiking and wildlife viewing are favorite pastimes for visitors. Certified cave divers can explore the spectacular depths of the well-known Green Sink Cave System. The cave system contains several passageways in a 12,000-foot underwater cave system.

This family/pet friendly location is the perfect place to make lifelong memories. The park is open year-round from 8AM until sundown—a lively daytime getaway and a peaceful overnight stay. As with all Florida state parks, there is a small entrance fee.

## Activities

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Hiking	Kayaking	Scuba Diving
Biking	Fishing	Swimming
Canoeing	Tubing	

## Rentals

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Cabins (€100/night)

## Nearby

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Restaurants	Biking Trails	Camping
Places to Stay	Diving	Horseback Riding
Culture	Hiking Trails	



# LAFAYETTE BLUE SPRINGS STATE PARK

MAYO, FL

### Address

799 N.W. Blue Spring Road,  
Mayo, FL

### Phone Number

386.294.3667

### Price

\$

### Website

<http://bit.ly/2bYntM5>

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Walk-in Tent Camping (€10/night)

### Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

### Restrictions

No Pets



# MADISON BLUE SPRINGS STATE PARK

LEE, FL

## Address

8300 FL-6,  
Lee, FL 32059

## Phone Number

850.971.5003

## Price

\$

## Website

<http://bit.ly/2c4iQDo>

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers

## Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

## Restrictions

No Camping

## Overview

Among the forested countryside of Madison County lies Madison Blue Springs State Park, home to a 25-foot deep first-magnitude spring that is a playground for aquatic enthusiasts. The freshwater spring, nearly 100 feet wide, is known for its icy blue waters where visitors can swim, snorkel, scuba dive, kayak and fish at their leisure. For a small admission fee guests are welcome to explore the spring's surrounding woodland areas, which have been preserved as a Florida State Park. The park is home to various hiking trails perfect for wildlife observation and suitable for both amateur and experienced hikers.

In 2015 Madison Blue Spring was named the #1 swimming hole in the United States by the USA Today's Reader's Choice Awards.

## Activities

Biking

Canoeing

Kayaking

Fishing

Tubing

Swimming

## Rentals

Rentals not available.

## Nearby

Restaurants

Places to Stay

Culture

Biking Trails

Agriculture

## Overview

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Manatee Springs State Park is home to many reptiles, birds, fish, and mammals in addition to its namesakes, which visit from November to April to make use of the spring's warm water while their native Gulf's temperature drops. Releasing an astounding 100 million gallons of water daily, Manatee Springs has plentiful swimming, snorkeling and scuba diving opportunities for adventurous aquatic enthusiasts.

A trail system to the north welcomes hikers and bikers. A boardwalk, playground, canoe rentals, concessions stand, and picnicking areas make this an extremely family friendly location, and its unparalleled natural beauty will keep you coming back for more. If you're looking to make a splash with Florida marine life, Manatee Springs is an outstanding choice for the whole family.

## Activities

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Biking	Fishing	Tubing
Canoeing	Scuba Diving	Swimming
Kayaking		

## Rentals

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Canoes	Kayaks
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## Nearby

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Restaurants	Biking Trails	Diving
Places to Stay	Hiking Trails	Wineries
Culture		



# MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

CHIEFLAND, FL

### Address

11650 NW 115 St,  
Chiefland, FL

### Phone Number

352.493.6072

### Price

\$

### Website

<http://bit.ly/2cfO5uT>

### Amenities

Family Friendly    Tent Camping  
Dogs Allowed    RV Hookup  
Public Bathrooms    Boardwalk  
Public Showers    Playground  
Camping

### Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

### Restrictions

N/A





# OTTER SPRINGS

TRENTON, FL

## Address

6470 SW 80th Ave,  
Trenton, FL

## Phone Number

352.463.0800

## Price

\$

## Website

[www.ottersprings.com](http://www.ottersprings.com)

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers  
Camping  
RV Hookup  
Cabin

## Hours

Monday	9 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday	9 AM - 5 PM
Wednesday	9 AM - 5 PM
Thursday	9 AM - 5 PM
Friday	9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 5 PM

## Restrictions

N/A

## Overview

Looking to break out of your routine? Then become an otter! At Otter Springs you'll get up close with nature, both underwater and on land. Make a splash in the water in a canoe, kayak, or just swimming around. The lush greenery that surrounds the area will have you convinced you're visiting the Amazon. Entry is a small fee, but the sights and memories are worth it for a visit to Otter Springs.

After a day of testing your gills, enjoy a night's stay in either an RV, tent or cabin at Otter Springs. Meet and share stories with people from all different walks of life and fall asleep to the sounds of nature. The clear, starry night sky will have you running back to Otter Springs.

## Activities

Biking	Hiking	Basketball
Canoeing	Tubing	Horseshoe
Kayaking	Swimming	Shuffleboard
Fishing	Volleyball	Ladder Golf

## Rentals

Rentals not available.

## Nearby

Restaurants	Culture	Biking Trails
Places to Stay		

## Overview

Just under 30 miles northwest of Gainesville is Poe Springs, a naturally formed freshwater basin. Its shallow waters make it a popular choice for families with small children. Visitors enjoy some of the clearest spring water in North Florida - and with a constant temperature of 72 degrees, it's always a refreshing getaway on a hot summer day.

Visitors are encouraged to walk along the spring's shoreline or hike through the area's lush forests. Poe Springs County Park offers an assortment of activities, including swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking, and its facilities include covered picnic pavilions, a playground, public bathhouses, canoe and kayak rentals, volleyball courts, soccer, and softball fields. Entry is free of charge.

## Activities

Canoeing	Snorkeling	Softball
Kayaking	Wildlife Viewing	Soccer
Swimming	Volleyball	Hiking

## Rentals

Lodge For Special Events	*Canoes	*Kayaks
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\*Not available for rental inside the park

## Nearby

Restaurants	Shopping	Gas Stations
Places to Stay	Museums	



# POE SPRINGS COUNTY PARK

HIGH SPRINGS, FL

### Address

28800 NW 182nd Avenue  
High Springs, FL 32643

### Phone Number

352.548.1210

### Price

FREE

### Website

N/A

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Public Bathrooms

### Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	9 AM - 6 PM
Friday	9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 6 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 6 PM

### Restrictions

No Pets  
No Camping or RV Hookups



# RUM ISLAND SPRINGS

FORT WHITE, FL

## Address

Rum Island Springs County Park,  
Fort White, FL

## Phone Number

386.719.7545

## Price

FREE

## Website

N/A

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Dogs Allowed  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers

## Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

## Restrictions

No Camping

## Overview

More Rum, more fun! Be sure to stop by Rum Island for a great time with the family. In the state founded by pirates, to be named after a favorite drink is a testament to this area's awe-inspiring beauty. Open year-round, the weather is sunny and the water is warm. Bring family and friends to come splash around at this unique oasis.

Rum Island Park provides you with free access to the Santa Fe River and the beautiful, clear, freshwater Rum Island spring, one of many on the river. It's your gateway to canoeing, boating, swimming, snorkeling, fishing, sunning and more. The park at Rum Island offers picnic tables and lots of space for kids to play. The park is open from 8AM until sundown to allow you and your loved ones to enjoy an entire day in the Florida sunshine.

## Activities

Canoeing

Kayaking

Fishing

Swimming

## Rentals

Rentals not available.

## Nearby

Restaurants

Places to Stay

Culture

Biking Trails

Diving

Hiking Trails

Camping

## Overview

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For open-water scuba diving, Troy Springs State Park is an unbeatable location. Diving, snorkeling, and swimming in a 70-foot-deep spring is already an incredible experience, but this spring additionally hosts the remains of the 19th-century steamboat Madison (purposely sunk during the Civil War to avoid capture by Union troops).

But Troy Springs doesn't just offer a breathtaking glimpse of history, surrounded by diverse aquatic life - the surrounding area always boasts hiking trails, canoeing, snorkeling, picnic tables and popular geocaching sites. A great place to bring the family together, amidst stunning views!

## Activities

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Biking	Hiking	Scuba Diving
Canoeing	Tubing	Snorkeling
Kayaking	Swimming	Geocaching
Fishing		

## Rentals

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Rentals not available.

## Nearby

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Restaurants	Hiking Trails	Biking Trails
Places to Stay	Camping	Horseback Riding
Culture		



# TROY SPRINGS STATE PARK

BRANFORD, FL

### Address

674 NE Troy Springs Rd,  
Branford, FL

### Phone Number

386.935.4835

### Price

\$

### Website

<http://bit.ly/2c6gMO3>

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Dogs Allowed  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers

### Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

### Restrictions

No Camping



# WACISSA SPRINGS COUNTY PARK

MONTICELLO, FL

## Address

433 Wacissa Springs Rd,  
Monticello FL

## Hours

Always Open

## Phone Number

N/A

## Price

FREE

## Website

N/A

## Amenities

Family Friendly  
Dogs Allowed  
Public Bathrooms

## Restrictions

No Camping

## Overview

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Known as North Florida's most lively and diverse body of water, the Wacissa River and its springs are a must-see when in Jefferson County. Along the river are 22 different springs to explore, so Wacissa is good for countless unique trips. The river itself is actually recognized as a state paddling trail, making it safe, clean and frequented by nature lovers of all kinds, including bird watchers. The water is remarkably clear, allowing visitors an intriguing look at native aquatic flora and fauna.

## Activities

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Canoeing  
Kayaking

Fishing

Swimming

## Rentals

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Canoes

Kayaks

Tubes

## Nearby

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Restaurants

Culture

Diving

Places to Stay

Biking Trails

## Overview

Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park is a special place. As one of the deepest and largest springs in the world, it is the jewel in the crown of Natural North Florida springs. Wakulla Springs is so large that it more closely resembles a small lake than a spring. The spring and its historic lodge are made for romance – it’s a popular location for weddings, honeymoons and anniversaries. The 27-room lodge was built in the 1930s and is reminiscent of lodges found in Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

Wakulla Springs features a 45-minute guided boat tour which should not be missed. The boat tour provides an excellent opportunity to see alligators and manatees. Enjoy a swim in the water or sit along its beach for optimal relaxation. For those daring enough to make the leap, the spring features a 22-foot tall platform from which beach-goers are encouraged to dive into the water. The park also features birding, horseback riding, biking, hiking, picnicking, and wildlife viewing.

## Activities

Biking	Hiking	Snorkeling
Canoeing	Tubing	Geocaching
Kayaking	Swimming	Boat Tours
Fishing	Scuba Diving	

## Rentals

Lodges (⁠\$95–⁠\$150/night)

## Nearby

Restaurants	Culture	Biking Trails
Places to Stay	Hiking Trails	



# EDWARD BALL WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK

WAKULLA SPRINGS, FL

### Address

550 Wakulla Park Dr.,  
Crawfordville, FL

### Phone Number

850.561.7276

### Price

\$

### Website

<http://bit.ly/2chlB1C>

### Amenities

Family Friendly  
Dogs Allowed  
Public Bathrooms  
Public Showers

### Hours

Monday	8 AM - Sundown
Tuesday	8 AM - Sundown
Wednesday	8 AM - Sundown
Thursday	8 AM - Sundown
Friday	8 AM - Sundown
Saturday	8 AM - Sundown
Sunday	8 AM - Sundown

### Restrictions

No Camping



- 1 Blue Grotto
- 2 Gilchrist Blue Springs Park
- 3 Bronson Blue Springs
- 4 Convict Springs
- 5 Devil's Den
- 6 Fanning Springs State Park
- 7 Ginnie Springs
- 8 Gornto Springs
- 9 Hart Springs
- 10 Ichetucknee Springs State Park
- 11 Lafayette Blue Springs State Park
- 12 Madison Blue Springs State Park
- 13 Manatee Springs State Park
- 14 Otter Springs
- 15 Poe Springs County Park
- 16 Rum Island Springs
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- 18 Wacissa Springs County Park
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