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 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
- Swimming
- Snorkeling
- Scuba Diving
- Fishing
- Tubing

Rentals

- Scuba

Nearby

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

Address
3852 NE 172 Ct
Williston, FL 32696

Phone Number
352.528.5770

Price
$$

Website
www.divebluegrotto.com

Restrictions
- No Pets
- Springs Restricted to Divers and Dive Students

Amenities
- Family Friendly
- Public Bathrooms
- Public Showers
- Camping
- RV Hookups

Hours

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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
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Biking
- Tubing
- Paddleboard
- Fishing
- Snorkeling
- Volleyball

Rentals

- Canoes
- Tubes
- Snorkels
- Kayaks
- Masks
- Pavilion Spaces
- Paddleboards

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Culture
- Hiking Trails
- Places to Stay
- Biking Trails
- Diving

GILCHRIST BLUE SPRINGS PARK

BELL, FL

Address
7450 NE 60th Street
High Springs, FL

Phone Number
386.454.1369

Price
$

Website
bluespringspark.com

Hours
Monday - 6 PM
Tuesday - 6 PM
Wednesday - 6 PM
Thursday - 6 PM
Friday - 6 PM
Saturday - 6 PM
Sunday - 6 PM

Restrictions
No Pets
No Scuba

Amenities
Family Friendly
Public Bathrooms
Public Showers
Camping
RV Hookups

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE
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
- Wineries
- Diving

BRONSON BLUE SPRINGS
WILLISTON, FL

Address
4550 NE 94th Place
Bronson, FL

Phone Number
352.486.3303

Price
$

Website

Amenities
- Family Friendly
- Public Bathrooms
- Concessions
- Playground

Restrictions
- No Pets
- No Camping or RV Hookups

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.
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 (tenters, 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
- Kayaking*
- Swimming
- Biking
- Tubing
- Fishing
- Snorkeling
- Scuba

*Kayaking available on adjacent Suwannee River

Rentals

- Canoes
- Kayaks

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Culture
- Hiking Trails
- Places to Stay
- Biking Trails
- Diving
- Camping

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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

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Address

5390 NE 180th Ave
Williston, FL

Phone Number

352.528.3344

Price

$$

Website

www.devilsden.com/

Amenities

Public Bathrooms
Camping
RV Hookups
Boardwalk to River
Trails
Playground

Restrictions

No Pets
18+ Snorkeling & Scuba Diving
Limited to Snorkeling and Scuba Diving only
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
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Biking
- Tubing
- Fishing
- Picnicking
- Snorkeling
- Scuba Diving
- Hiking

Rentals

- Canoes
- Kayaks

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Places to Stay
- Camping
- Culture
- Biking Trails
- Hiking Trails
- Diving

Address
18020 US 19,
Fanning Springs, FL

Phone Number
352.463.3420

Price
$

Website

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

Restrictions
N/A

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE
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
- Biking
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Tubing
- Scuba Diving
- Swimming
- Paddleboard
- Volleyball
- Football

Rentals

- Tubes
- Kayaks
- Canoes
- Floats
- Volleyballs
- Snorkeling
- Footballs
- Paddleboards
- Diving Equipment

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Places to Stay
- Culture
- Biking Trails
- Camping

Address
7300 Ginnie Springs Rd,
High Springs, FL

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

Phone Number
386.454.7188

Price
$5

Website
www.ginniespringsoutdoors.com

Amenities
- Family Friendly
- Public Bathrooms
- Public Showers
- Camping
- RV Hookups

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
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Scuba Diving
- Tubing
- Swimming

Rentals

No rentals available.

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Places to Stay
- Camping
- Culture
- Biking Trails
- Hiking Trails

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE
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
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Tubing
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Scuba Diving
- Swimming
- Horseshoe

Rentals

- Tubes
- Kayaks
- Canoes
- Sports Equipment

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Culture
- Diving
- Biking Trails
- Hiking Trails
- Places to Stay
- Public Bathrooms
- Public Showers
- Camping
- RV Hookups

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

Amenities
Family Friendly
Public Bathrooms
Public Showers
Camping
RV Hookups

Restrictions
No Pets

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE
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.

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Rentals

- Tubes
- Snorkeling
- Diving Equipment

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Camping
- Diving
- Places to Stay
- Culture
- Hiking Trails
Overview

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.

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Rentals

- Cabins ($100/night)

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Biking Trails
- Camping
- Diving
- Hiking Trails
- Horseback Riding
- Biking Trails
- Diving
- Hiking Trails
- Camping

Address

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

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Phone Number

386.294.3667

Price

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Website


Amenities

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

Restrictions

- No Pets
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

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

Restrictions
- No Camping

For More Information, Visit VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE
Overview

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.

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Rentals

- Canoes
- Kayaks

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Places to Stay
- Culture
- Biking Trails
- Hiking Trails
- Diving
- Wineries
- Biking
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Kayaking
- Scuba Diving
- Swimming

Price

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

Rentals

Rentals not available.

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Culture
- Biking Trails
- Places to Stay

Address
6470 SW 80th Ave,
Trenton, FL

Phone Number
352.463.0800

Price
$5

Website
www.ottersprings.com

Amenities
- Family Friendly
- Public Bathrooms
- Public Showers
- Camping
- RV Hookup
- Cabin

Restrictions
N/A

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE
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
- Kayaking
- Swimming
- Snorkeling
- Wildlife Viewing
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Soccer
- Hiking

Rentals

- Lodge For Special Events
- *Canoes
- *Kayaks

*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

Restrictions
- No Pets
- No Camping or RV Hookups

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT VNNF.ORG/SPRINGS-GUIDE
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.

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Rentals not available.

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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

- Biking
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Tubing
- Swimming
- Scuba Diving
- Snorkeling
- Geocaching

Rentals

Rentals not available.

Nearby

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

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

Restrictions

- No Camping

Hours

Monday - Sunday
8 AM - Sundown

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Overview

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

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Swimming

Rentals

- Canoes
- Kayaks
- Tubes

Nearby

- Restaurants
- Places to Stay
- Culture
- Biking Trails
- Diving

Address

433 Wacissa Springs Rd, Monticello FL

Phone Number

N/A

Price

FREE

Website

N/A

Amenities

- Family Friendly
- Dogs Allowed
- Public Bathrooms

Restrictions

- No Camping

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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.

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Lodges (£95–£150/night)

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Address

550 Wakulla Park Dr., Crawfordville, FL

Phone Number

850.561.7276

Price

$

Website


Amenities

Family Friendly
Dogs Allowed
Public Bathrooms
Public Showers

Restrictions

No Camping

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WAKULLA SPRINGS, FL

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