Visit wekivawildandscenicriver.com to volunteer or learn more.

**Wekiwa Springs Run**

- Start at Kelly Park boundary where you must turn around.
- Kings Landing can take from 1-2 hours to reach the remote section of the Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve and ends at Black Water Creek.

**Upper Wekiva River**

- Travel upstream one mile on Wekiwa Springs Run to the swimming area at Wekiwa Springs.
- UP Rock Springs Run or continue downstream on the Run.
- Join Rock Springs Run to form the Wekiva River.
- Shoreline vegetation and underwater scenery can be challenging.
- Watch for wildlife in the subtropical environment.
- Aquifers produce a second magnitude spring, releasing more than 100 million gallons per day.

**Black Water Creek**

- Can be difficult to navigate for the upstream portion.
- Strong current takes longer to reach downstream paddle begins at the point where the run joins Rock Springs Run.
- Kings Landing can take from 1-2 hours to reach the remote section of the Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve.
- Section of a shady canopy of cypress and hardwood trees.
- Florida's distinctive wading birds include the great blue heron, limpkin, and wood stork.
- Bring your own canoe and go farther for a view of pristine wilderness.

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**Wekiva Falls**

- Consider bringing a rain poncho.
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- Great egret, little blue heron, tri-colored heron.
- Turtles resting on logs.
- Some of Florida's distinctive wading birds, including the great blue heron, limpkin, and wood stork.

**Wekiva Island**

- Stage a vehicle at the Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park.
- Paddle upstream to see the swimming area at Wekiwa Springs.
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- State parks and preserves provide a great mix of forested canopy and open waterways.

**Paddle Trips & Experiences**

- • LEAVE NO TRACE - take a bag for your trash and to help pick up after others.
- • Stay in your boat unless you are at an approved boat launch or designated swimming area.
- • Bring water, sun-screen and consider bringing a rain poncho.
- • Plant Florida native plants in your yard to enhance wildlife habitat; use natural pesticides to keep your pets safe.
- • Working order. Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.
- • Everyone in the boat must have a whistle/sounding device and a personal flotation device.
- • BE SAFE...WEAR IT!

**Help Protect Our Springs**

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection:
  - Florida Forest Service (Seminole State Forest)
  - Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.
  - Florida Audubon
  - City of Longwood
  - Seminole County
  - Friends of the St. Johns River

**A National Wild & Scenic River**

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**Wild Rivers** represent vestiges of primitive America. They have natural shorelines, unpolluted waters and are free flowing.

**Scenic Rivers** are still largely primitive with shorelines mostly undeveloped but accessible in places by roads.

**Recreational Rivers** are readily accessible by road, may have some development along their shorelines and may have had some barriers in the past.

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Travel upstream one mile on Wekiwa Springs Run to the swimming area at Wekiwa Springs (entrance fee when necessary). The water is clear enough to see schools of fish and most of this reach.

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**Paddle Trips & Experiences**

- **Wekiwa Island** to Wilson's Landing (6.3-miles)
- **Katie's Landing** (7.5-miles) or
- **Highbanks Moccasin Springs** way. Paddle upstream to see the Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park.

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**Wild River System Classifications**

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**ROCK SPRINGS RUN** - Whether you bring your own boat or rent one, a popular 8-mile, four-to-five hour, downstream paddle begins at **Kings Landing** and ends at **Wekiva Island**. Call ahead for shuttle service days/times. Rock Springs Run winds through sections of a shady canopy of cypress and hardwood trees and sunny flats with floating plants and eelgrass on the sunlit bottom. Shorter upstream paddles from Kings Landing can take from 1-2 hours to reach the Kelly Park boundary where you must turn around.

**WEKIWA SPRINGS RUN** - **Wekiwa Springs**, a second magnitude spring, releases more than 40-million gallons of water daily from the Floridan aquifer. Launch a canoe or kayak from downstream of the swimming area. Watch for wildlife in the subtropical shoreline vegetation and vacillating underwater grasses. Less than a mile downstream, Wekiwa Springs Run joins Rock Springs Run to form the Wekiva River. Turn left where the runs merge for a short excursion up Rock Springs Run or continue downstream on the Wekiva River.

**PADDLE TIP** - For two-way trips, leave ample time for the upstream portion. Paddling against the strong current takes longer and can be difficult.

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Enjoy Your Trip & Be Safe!

- Plan your route ahead of time and leave your itinerary with a reliable contact.
- Everyone in the boat must have a whistle/sounding device and a personal flotation device (PFD).
- Bring water, sun-screen and a hat. Secure all food items and supplies in the boat.
- Be prepared for changing weather. Consider bringing a rain poncho.
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- Reduce nutrient loading by using slow release fertilizers and keeping septic systems in good working order. Pick up and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Plant Florida native plants in your yard to enhance wildlife habitat; use natural pesticides when necessary.

Paddle Wekiva was funded through the Partnership Rivers Program.
The National Park Service is tasked with administering the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Program in partnership with state and local land managers and guidance from the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River Advisory Management Committee.

The Committee partners include:
- Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.
- Florida Forest Service (Seminole State Forest)
- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
- Florida Audubon
- Lake County Water Authority
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection:
- Florida Park Service - Wekiwa Springs State Park
- Wekiva/Middle St. Johns Aquatic Preserve
- City of Altamonte Springs
- City of Apopka
- City of Longwood
- Lake County
- Orange County
- Seminole County
- East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- The Nature Conservancy