

Suwannee River Wilderness Trail



This "Discovery Pack" is designed to help you plan your adventure along the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. Inside you will find information on Frequently Asked Questions, Campgrounds and Lodging, Outfitters, River Guides & Package Tours.



For additional information, visit

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1. What is the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail?

The Suwannee River Wilderness Trail is a defined network of natural, recreational, cultural and historic sites along the Suwannee River offering visitors a wilderness experience rich in natural and cultural resources. The Trail gives visitors an opportunity to navigate the world-famous Suwannee River to enjoy its springs, sandbars and rocky banks and the ambiance of small towns along its route.

Beginning at the town of White Springs and stretching 170 miles to the salt marsh shores of the Gulf of Mexico, the Trail's river-based experiences include outfitter tours, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, snorkeling and camping. Visitors can extend their wilderness adventure into land-based experiences by stepping back in time to explore small towns, local shops, art and antique galleries, museums and visitor centers showcasing this region's "Old Florida" culture and rich history. Recreational activities such as bicycling, hiking and horseback riding can be easily arranged.

2. What is a hub?

Hubs are towns or parks from which visitors can explore the river and its surrounding areas by canoe or boat, bicycle, horse, automobile or on foot. A wide range of goods and services is available to meet visitors' needs. Hubs are located at the town of White Springs, Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, Suwannee River State Park, town of Lafayette Blue Spring State Park, the towns of Dowling Park, Branford, Fanning Springs and Suwannee.

3. What are the amenities at a river camp?

River camps feature five screened, covered platforms with ceiling fans and electricity. Each platform accommodates up to 10 people. Restrooms and hot showers are available. An area is set aside for tent camping. A campfire ring for storytelling is available. River camps are currently located along the upper portion of the river at Woods Ferry, Holton Creek, Dowling Park, Peacock Slough and Adams Tract.

Paddlers can hire an outfitter to deliver gear, coolers and food to the river camps.

Visitors can reserve platforms by calling (800) 868-9914.

4. How far can I paddle in a day?

Times and miles vary by paddler ability, water level and how fast the river is flowing.

5. How do I select an outfitter for a canoe/kayak trip?

Many outfitters are available. Whether you seek a few hours on the river or an overnight trip, outfitters will work to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable trip. From equipment, paddling lessons or guided tours, outfitters will help you design a package that suits your needs. A list of outfitters is available at www.SuwanneeRiver.com.

6. How do I prepare for a paddling trip?

Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return. Leave a float plan on the dash of your vehicle. Florida weather can be unpredictable so check the forecast. Bring adequate water, sunscreen and bug repellent. Wear a hat and sunglasses. Don't forget your paddle and life jacket. Bring waterproof bags for things you want to keep dry.

Useful items to bring to the river camps include sleeping bags, sleeping pads, towels, toiletries and a change of clothes. Include a thermal blanket for cold weather.

Plan for food on the river and at campsites. If you are working with an outfitter, you can arrange for delivery of coolers, food and gear to the river camps. Otherwise, pack them carefully in your canoe or kayak.

7. Where are the restrooms?

Restrooms are located at hubs, river camps and state parks along the way.

8. Are overnight accommodations available along the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail?

Yes. Visit www.SuwanneeRiver.com for a list of campgrounds, cabins, motels and bed and breakfasts.

9. Will I find hiking/bicycling trails along the Suwannee River?

Yes. The Suwannee River Basin offers excellent opportunities for leisurely walks or overnight hiking trips. Both on-road and off-road trails invite bicyclists to explore the area. Most of the Florida State Parks along the Suwannee offer trails. The Florida National Scenic Trail offers 100 miles of trail along the northern banks of the Suwannee River. The Suwannee River Greenway at Branford, the O'Leno to Ichetucknee Trail and the Nature Coast State Trail provide trails throughout the area.

10. Are there trails for horses? Can I rent horses for a trail ride?

Big Shoals, Stephen Foster and Troy Spring state parks welcome visitors and their horses. O'Leno and River Rise Preserve state parks offer overnight camping with your horses.

Boarding stables, horse camping, rental horses and guided trail rides are available at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park north of Live Oak.

Horseback riding is available at Twin Rivers State Forest and the Suwannee Springs and Twin Rivers recreation hubs managed by the Suwannee River Water Management District. The Suwannee River Greenway at Branford, the O'Leno to Ichetucknee Trail and the Nature Coast State Trail offer equestrian trails.

Proof of a negative Coggins test is required.

11. How do I contact the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail?

Visit www.SuwanneeRiver.com or call (800) 868-9914.

12. How do I make reservations?

A list of overnight accommodations and outfitters is available at www.SuwanneeRiver.com. Consult each one to make reservations, confirm fees and hours for arrival or pick-up.

For camping and cabin rentals at any of the Florida state parks along the Suwannee River, call Reserve America at (800) 326-3521 or (866) I CAMP FL or visit www.ReserveAmerica.com. Fees vary.

13. Can I bring my dog?

It is recommended that you do not bring pets on a paddling adventure.

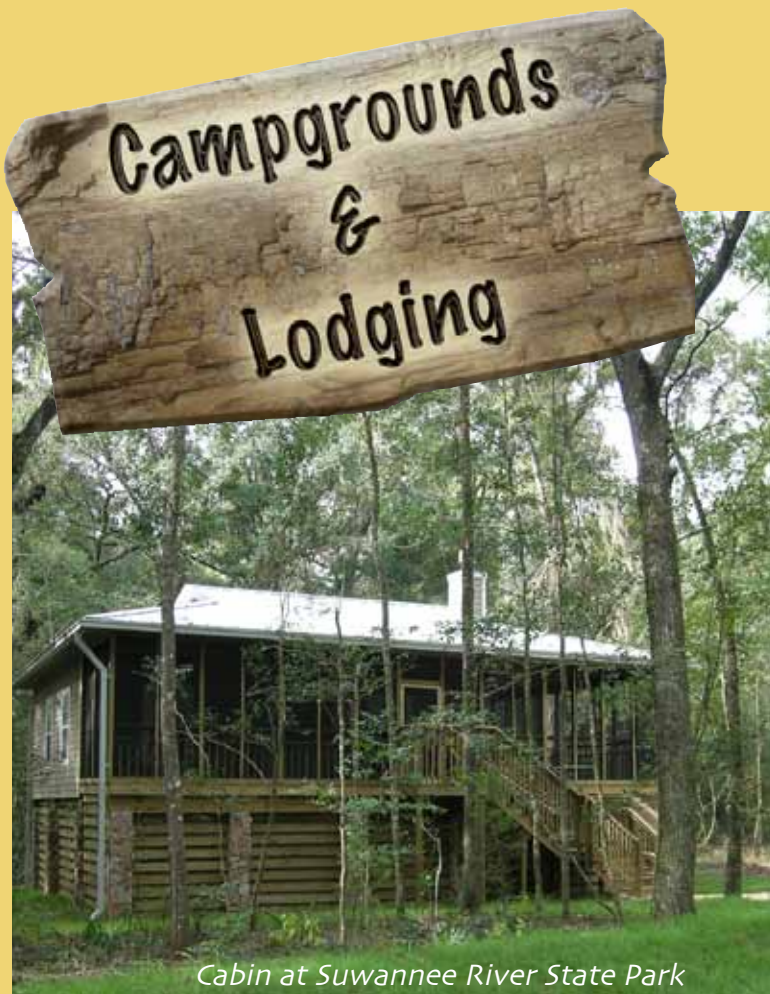
14. Are there alligators in the Suwannee River?

ALL fresh water in Florida is alligator habitat. Alligators are present on the Suwannee River. Instinctively, alligators are afraid of humans. Do not attempt to feed, touch or interact with alligators.

15. Where can I learn more about the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail?

Visit the State of Florida's Nature and Heritage Tourism Center in White Springs, Florida. This facility serves as the headquarters for the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail and offers brochures, displays and information about vacationing in Florida.

Also visit www.SuwanneeRiver.com for information.



Cabin at Suwannee River State Park

BELL

Hart Springs Park & Campground
4240 SW 86th Avenue
Bell, FL 32619
Phone: (352) 463-3444
www.HartSprings.com

BRANFORD

Ellie Ray's River Landing
3349 NW 110th Street
Branford, FL 32008
Phone: (386) 935-9518
www.EllieRaysRiverLanding.com

Steamboat Dive Inn

U.S. 27 & S.R. 129
Branford, FL 32008
Phone: (386) 935-2283

Murry Restaurant
The Suwannee River Cove
8749 288th Street
Branford, FL 32008
Phone: (386) 935-0070

CHIEFLAND

Manatee Springs State Park
11650 NW 115 St.
Chiefland, FL 32626
(352) 493-6072
www.floridastateparks.org

DOWLING PARK

Advent Christian Village (Camping and Lodge)
PO Box 4345
Dowling Park, FL 32064
Phone: (386) 658-5200
www.ACVillage.net

FANNING SPRINGS

Cadillac Motel
7490 N. U.S. 19
Fanning Springs, FL 32693
Phone: (352) 463-2188

Fanning Springs State Park (Cabins and primitive camping)
18020 N.W. Highway 19
Fanning Springs, FL 32693
Phone: (352) 463-3420
www.FloridaStateParks.org

FORT WHITE

Ichetucknee Family Canoe and Cabins
8587 S. Welim Church Road
Fort White, FL 32038
Phone: (866) 224-2064
www.IchetuckneeCanoeAndCabins.net

HIGH SPRINGS

Blue Springs Park
7450 NE 60th Street
High Springs, FL 32643
Phone: (386) 454-1369
www.BlueSpringsPark.com

Ginnie Springs Outdoors
7300 NE Ginnie Springs Road
High Springs, FL 32643
Phone: (386) 454-7188
www.GinnieSpringsOutdoors.com

O'Leno and River Rise State Parks
410 S.E. O'Leno Park Road
High Springs, FL 32643
Phone: (386) 454-1853
www.FloridaStateParks.org

JASPER

Gibson Park (camping and RVs)
6844 SW CR 751
Jasper, FL 32052
Phone: (386) 792-1631
www.HamiltonCountyFlorida.com

LIVE OAK

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park
3076 95th Road
Live Oak, FL 32060
Phone: (386) 364-1683
www.Suwannee.com

Suwannee River State Park (camping and cabins)
20185 County Road 132
Live Oak, FL 32060
Phone: (386) 362-2746
www.FloridaStateParks.org

MADISON

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park
1051 S.W. Old St. Augustine Road
Madison, FL 32340
Phone: (850) 973-2869
www.JellystoneFlorida.com

MAYO

Cindy's Motor Lodge
487 W. Main Street
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (386) 294-1242

Lafayette Blue Springs State Park
799 N.W. Blue Spring Road
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (386) 294-23667

Le Chateau de Lafayette B&B Inn
PO Box 556
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (386) 294-2332

River Rendezvous
Rt. 2 Box 635
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (352) 294-2510

OLD TOWN

Old Town Campground
PO Box 522
Old Town, FL 32680
Phone: (386) 542-9500



*Cabin Front Porch at Stephen Foster
Folk Culture Center State Park*

Shady Oaks RV Park
HC 3 Box 490
Old Town, FL 32680
Phone: (386) 542-9500

Suwannee Gables Motel and Marina
HC 3 Box 208
Old Town, FL 32680
Phone: (386) 542-7752
www.SuwanneeGables.com

Suwannee River Hideaway Camp
PO Box 1135
Old Town, FL 32680
Phone: (352) 542-7800
www.RiverHideAway.com

Suwannee River Inn
HC 3 Box 206
Old Town, FL 32680
Phone: (352) 542-0613

Yellow Jacket Campground
55 SE 505 Avenue
Old Town, FL 32680
Phone: (352) 542-8365
www.YellowJacketCampground.com

SUWANNEE

Angler's Resort
PO Box 77
Suwannee, FL 32692
Phone: (352) 542-7077

Miller's Marina of Suwannee
PO Box 280
Suwannee, FL 32692
Phone: (800) 458-2628
www.SuwanneeHouseboats.com

Suwannee Guides & Outfitters
PO Box 304
Suwannee, FL 32692
Phone: (352) 542-8331
www.SuwanneGuides.com

Suwannee Shores Motor Lodge
PO Box 190
Suwannee, FL 32692
Phone: (352) 542-7560

TRENTON

Otter Springs RV Resort
6480 SW 80 Avenue
Trenton, FL 32693
Phone: (352) 463-0800

WHITE SPRINGS

Kellys RV Park
142 NW Kelly Lane
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: (386) 397-2616
www.KellysRVPark.com

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park
U.S. 41 North
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: (386) 397-2733
www.FloridaStateParks.org

Suwannee Valley Campground
786 NW Stephen Foster Drive
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: (386) 397-1667
www.SuwanneeValleyCampground.com

Historic Telford Hotel and Restaurant
16521 River Street
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: (386) 397-2000



BRANFORD

Ellie Ray's River Landing
3349 NW 110th Street
Branford, FL 32008
Phone: (386) 935-9518
www.EllieRaysRiverLanding.com

Steamboat Canoe Outfitters
PO Box 28
Branford, FL 32008
Phone: (386) 935-0512

The Suwannee Cove
8749 288th Street
Branford, FL 32008
Phone: (386) 935-1666

Suwannee River Canoe and Kayak
614 Ivy Park Dr
Branford, FL 32008
Phone: (386) 935-9299
www.CanoeFlorida.com

CEDAR KEY

Kayak Cedar Keys
PO BOX 64
Cedar Key, FL 32652
Phone: (352) 543-9447
www.KayakCedarKeys.com

CHIEFLAND

Sports-a-Rama
11650 NW 115 St
Chiefland, FL 32626
Phone: (352) 490-9797
www.SuwanneeRiverTours.com

DOWLING PARK

Camp Suwannee / Advent Christian Village
PO Box 4345
Dowling Park, FL 32064
Phone: (386) 858-5291
www.ACVillage.net

FORT WHITE

Ichetucknee Family Canoe and Cabins
8587 S. Welim Church Rd
Fort White, FL 32038
Phone: (866) 224-2064
www.IchetuckneeCanoeAndCabins.net

LIVE OAK

Suwannee Canoe Outpost
Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park
2461 95th Road
Live Oak, FL 32060
Phone: (386) 361-4991
www.CanoeOutpost.com
(386) 688-7269

MAYO

Jim Hollis' SCUBA 7
130 SW Monroe Avenue
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (386) 294-3377

HIGH SPRINGS

Adventure Outpost
815 NW Santa Fe Blvd
High Springs, FL 32643
Phone: (386) 454-0611
www.AdventureOutpost.net

Blue Springs Park
7450 NE 60th Street
High Springs, FL 32643
Phone: (386) 454-1369
www.BlueSpringsPark.com

Ginnie Springs Outdoors
7300 NE Ginnie Springs Rd
High Springs, FL 32643
Phone: (386) 454-7188
www.GinnieSpringsOutdoors.com

River Rendezvous
Rt. 2 Box 635
Mayo, FL 32066
Phone: (352) 362-5979

Santa Fe Canoe Outpost
PO Box 592
High Springs, FL 32655
Phone: (386) 454-2050
www.SantaFeRiver.com

SUWANNEE

Miller's Marina of Suwannee
PO Box 280
Suwannee, FL 32692
Phone: (800) 458-2628
www.SuwanneeHouseboats.com

Suwannee Guides & Outfitters
PO Box 304
Suwannee, FL 32692
Phone: (352) 542-8331
www.SuwanneeGuides.com

Suwannee Riverboat Rentals and Tours
PO Box 247
Suwannee, FL 32692
Phone: (352) 542-0724
www.SuwanneeRiverRentalBoats.com

WHITE SPRINGS

American Canoe Adventures
10315 SE 141 Blvd
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: (386) 397-1309
www.ACA1.com

Suwannee River Outdoors
PO Box 799
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: (866) 752-9413
www.vassar.us

WILLISTON

Wild Florida Adventures
PO Box 626
Williston, FL 32626
Phone: (352) 528-3984
www.Wild-Florida.com





LIVE OAK

Suwannee River Guide Service
13944 48th St.
Live Oak, FL 32060
Phone: (386) 590-6058
www.FishTheSuwannee.com

ORLANDO

Adventures in Florida
2912 East Marks St
Orlando, FL 32803
Phone: (407) 924-3375
www.AdventuresinFlorida.com

WHITE SPRINGS

D.P. Nature Tours
4974 62nd St
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone: (386) 362-5979
www.DPNatureTours.com

GEORIGIA

Okefenokee Adventures
Rt. 2, Box 3325
Folkston, GA 31537
Phone: (866) THE SWAMP
www.okefenokeeadventures.com



If you'd like to add information about your business to this directory, contact Martha Robinson at (850) 245-2100 or at Martha.j.Robinson@dep.state.fl.us.



Package Tours

Package Tours on the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail are available from many qualified outfitters and packaging companies along the river. Whether you are planning a half day paddle or a multi-day adventure on the Suwannee River, an outfitter can arrange a suitable tour. Visit SuwanneeRiver.com for a list of most current package tours available or call 1-800-868-9914 to be connected to an outfitter who can customize a tour just for you.