

*Paddle  
Wekiva*



*A National  
Wild & Scenic  
River*



Lake Norris

# River System Classifications

In October 2000, the Wekiva River, Wekiwa Springs Run, Rock Springs Run and Black Water Creek were designated by the United States Congress as a National Wild and Scenic River.



St. Johns River

Black Water Creek

Black Water Creek

Wekiva River

**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.

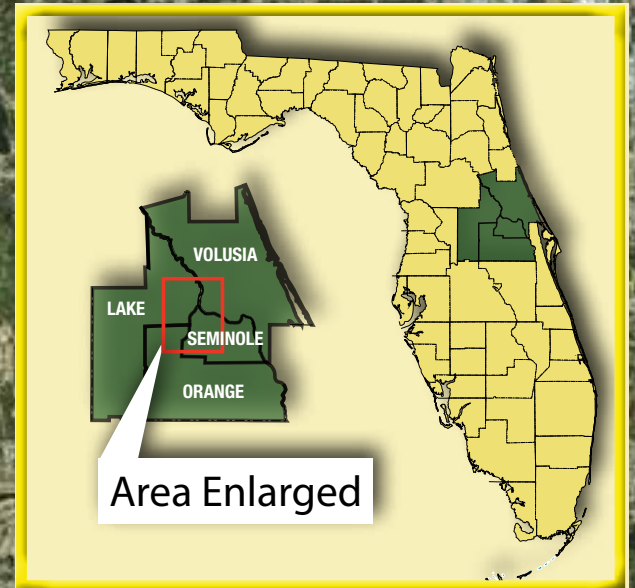
**Recreational Rivers** are readily accessible by road, may have some development along their shorelines and may have had some barriers in the past.

Rock Springs Run

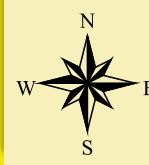
Wekiwa Springs Run

Wekiva River

Little Wekiva River



- Wild River
- Scenic River
- Recreational River



0 1 2 miles  
Approx. scale



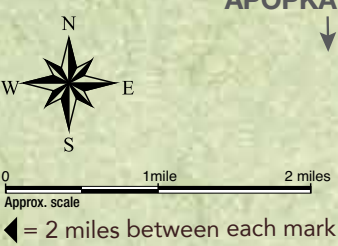
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### Paddle Trips

1 to 3	8.5 miles
2 to 3	1 mile
3 to 4	6.4 miles
4 to 5	1 mile
5 to 6	1.5 mile
6 to G	4 miles
7 to G	4.7 miles
7 to I	.7 mile
G to 8	3.6 miles
I to J	3.6 miles
9 to K	1 mile



TRAILHEADS	LAUNCH PTS. GPS COORDINATES	PHONE & WEBSITE	CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS \$	MOTOR BOAT RAMP	WATER \$: for sale	FOOD	OVER-NIGHT PARKING	HIKING TRAILS	SWIM AREA	CAMP SITES RESERVATIONS REQUIRED	PRIMITIVE CAMPING RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
<b>1 Kings Landing</b> 5722 Baptist Camp Rd., Apopka	N: 28.7684 W: -81.5039	407.886.0859 kingslandingfl.com	available								
<b>2 Wekiwa Springs State Park</b> 1800 Wekiwa Cir., Apopka	N: 28.7095 W: -81.4628	407.553.4383 floridastateparks.org	available								
<b>3 Wekiwa Island</b> 1014 Miami Springs Dr., Longwood	N: 28.7139 W: -81.4443	407.862.1500 wekiwa-island.com	available								
<b>4 Wekiwa Falls RV Resort</b> 30700 Wekiwa River Rd., Sorrento	N: 28.7951 W: -81.4168	352.383.8055 wekiwafalls.com	available								
<b>5 Wilson's Landing Park</b> 387 Malekean Trail, Sanford	N: 28.8087 W: -81.4169	407.665.2180 seminolecountyfl.gov									
<b>6 Katie's Landing</b> 262 Wekiwa Park Dr., Sanford	N: 28.8292 W: -81.4127	407.553.4383 floridastateparks.org									
<b>7 Seminole State Forest</b> SR 46 & Wekiwa River Rd., Sorrento	N: 28.8580 W: -81.4372	352.360.6675 freshfromflorida.com	call for access								
<b>8 Highbanks Public Boat Ramp</b> 488 & 499 West Highbanks, DeBary	N: 28.8904 W: -81.3547	386.736.5953/386.668.4491 volusia.org campresort.com									
<b>9 Lake Norris Conservation Area</b> 38343 Lake Norris Rd., Eustis	N: 28.9146 W: -81.5442	352.343.3777 lcwa.org	call in advance								

GPS COORDINATES	SPRINGS	PRIMITIVE CAMP RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
A: N: 28.7562 W: -81.5016		
B: N: 28.7430 W: -81.4744		
C: N: 28.7404 W: -81.4668		
D: N: 28.7382 W: -81.4643		
E: N: 28.7119 W: -81.4604		
F: N: 28.7403 W: -81.4223		
G: N: 28.8626 W: -81.3804		
H: N: 28.8575 W: -81.4353		
I: N: 28.8522 W: -81.4430		
J: N: 28.8319 W: -81.4742		
K: N: 28.9223 W: -81.5488		

WETLANDS



## Paddle Trips & Experiences



The Wekiva River system is a nationally treasured landscape and outstanding scenic resource that offers many opportunities to experience a unique part of natural Florida. The popular Wekiva River system is a Florida treasure with its scenic views and recreational amenities. High urban growth throughout the region has added stress to the river's ecosystem. The challenges include excessive nutrients in the water, proliferation of exotic plants, and the loss of vital habitat. The system, while threatened, still provides a high quality riverine experience.

**ROCK SPRINGS RUN** - Whether you bring your own boat or rent one, a popular 8-mile, four-to-five hour, downstream paddle begins at **1 Kings Landing** and ends at **3 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** - **2 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.

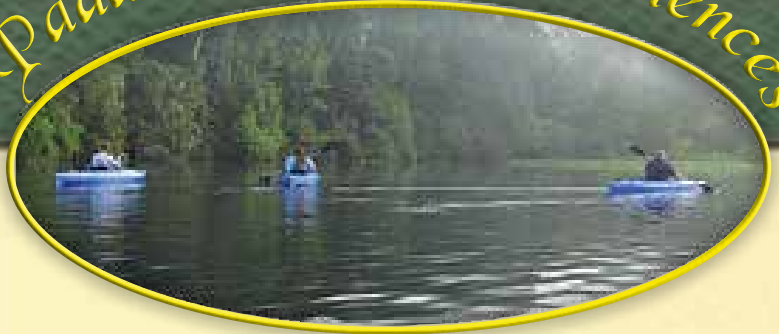
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### UPPER WEKIVA RIVER - **3 Wekiva Island**.

Travel upstream one mile on Wekiwa Springs Run to the swimming area at Wekiwa Springs (entrance fee required). Travel downstream through lush, subtropical vegetation to see turtles resting on logs and some of Florida's distinctive wading birds including the great blue heron, great egret, little blue heron, tri-colored heron, limpkin, and wood stork.



### **3 Wekiva Island to 4 Wekiva Falls** (6.3-miles)

**5 Wilson's Landing** (7.5-miles) or **6 Katie's Landing** (9-miles) – For these adventures, you must bring your own canoe or kayak and leave a vehicle at the take out, but it is well worth the extra planning. Enjoy the solitude as you paddle along the river with a mix of forested canopy and open waterways. State preserve lands border both sides of the river for most of this reach.

### LOWER WEKIVA RIVER - **6 Katie's Landing**

to the St. Johns River. You must bring your own canoe or kayak and leave a vehicle at the **8 Highbanks** launch to experience many twists and turns as the river winds through 8-miles of a remote section of the Wekiva River Aquatic Preserve and the Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park.

**BLACK WATER CREEK** - Bring your own canoe or kayak. Drive three miles through the state forest to **7** the launch site; look for scrub jays along the way. Paddle upstream to see **1 Moccasin Springs** and go farther for a view of pristine wilderness conditions. Call ahead for a day pass and gate combination. Stage a vehicle at **8 Highbanks** for a full day, one way, downstream excursion.





## ***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). **BE SAFE...WEAR IT!**



- 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.
- Stay in your boat unless you are at an approved boat launch or designated swimming area.
- LEAVE NO TRACE - take a bag for your trash and to help pick up after others.

## ***Help Protect Our Springs***

- 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