

# 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

**SuwanneeRiver.com**

or call

**800-868-9914**

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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 and Peacock Slough.

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. Will more river camps be built?

Yes. Six more river camps will be built in coming years. River camps are planned at Madison Blue Spring State Park on the Withlacoochee River, Dowling Park, Adams Tract north of Branford, Guaranto Spring County Park in Dixie County, Hart Springs County Park in Gilchrist County and at Fletcher Landing, between Fowler Bluff and the town of Suwannee.

## 5. How far can I paddle in a day?

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

## 6. 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](http://www.SuwanneeRiver.com).

## 7. 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.

## 8. Where are the restrooms?

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

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

Yes. Visit [www.SuwanneeRiver.com](http://www.SuwanneeRiver.com) for a list of campgrounds, cabins, motels and bed and breakfasts.

## 10. 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.

## 11. 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.

## 12. How do I contact the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail?

Visit [www.SuwanneeRiver.com](http://www.SuwanneeRiver.com) or call (800) 868-9914.

## 13. How do I make reservations?

A list of overnight accommodations and outfitters is available at [www.SuwanneeRiver.com](http://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](http://www.ReserveAmerica.com). Fees vary.

## 14. Can I bring my dog?

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

## 15. Are there alligators in the Suwannee River?

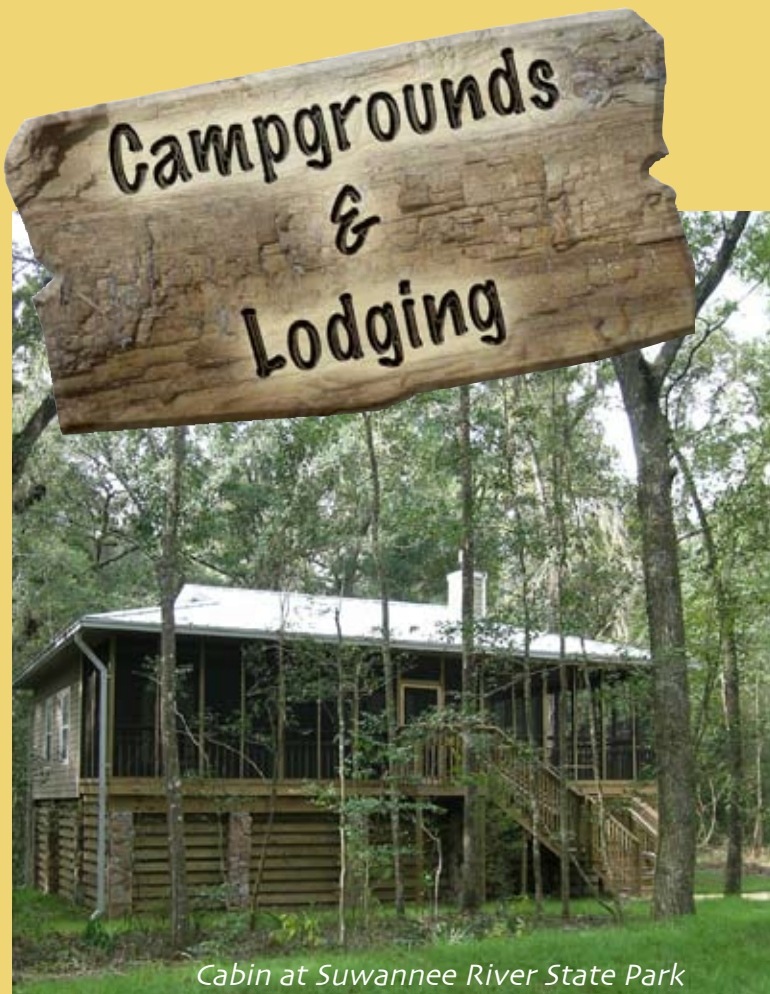
ALL fresh water in Florida is alligator habitat. Alligators are present on the Suwannee River. Instinctively, alligators are afraid of humans. Do not attempt to feed, touch or interact with alligators.

## 16. 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](http://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](http://www.HartSprings.com)

#### BRANFORD

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

Sandy Point Marina  
29685 59th Drive  
Branford, FL 32008  
Phone: (386) 935-3824

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

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

#### CHIEFLAND

Manatee Springs State Park  
11650 NW 115 St.  
Chiefland, FL 32626  
(352) 493-6072  
[www.floridastateparks.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.IchetuckneeCanoeAndCabins.net)

### HIGH SPRINGS

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

Ginnie Springs Outdoors  
7300 NE Ginnie Springs Road  
High Springs, FL 32643  
Phone: (386) 454-7188  
[www.GinnieSpringsOutdoors.com](http://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](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org)

### JASPER

Gibson Park (camping and RVs)  
4525 SW 107th Avenue  
Jasper, FL 32052  
Phone: (386) 792-3098  
[www.HamiltonCountyFlorida.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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*

### OLD TOWN

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](http://www.SuwanneeGables.com)

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

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

Adams House B&B  
PO Box 404  
White Springs, FL 32096  
Phone: (866) 397-1915 toll free  
Phone: (386) 397-1915

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

Suwannee River Motel  
16502 Springs Street  
White Springs, FL 32096  
Phone: (386) 397-2822



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

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



*Bell Tower at Stephen Foster  
Folk Culture Center State Park*



#### BRANFORD

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

#### CEDAR KEY

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

#### CHIEFLAND

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



#### DOWLING PARK

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

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

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

### SUWANNEE

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

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

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

### WHITE SPRINGS

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

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

### WILLISTON

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





#### LIVE OAK

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

#### ORLANDO

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

#### WHITE SPRINGS

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

#### GEORIGIA

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



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# 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](http://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.