



SUN & FUN IN FRESHWATER SPRINGS

Tucked away from the crowds and surrounded by acres of towering trees, you'll discover a wonder of nature: cool, gemstone-colored freshwater bubbling from deep below the surface. The picturesque calm is inviting for nature lovers, families, and those seeking pure rejuvenation. Enjoy the springs with a refreshing swim, kickback in an innertube, or paddle through the water on a kayak or paddleboard. Relax on the sandy shorelines, explore surrounding trails, or simply bask in the unfiltered beauty.

With dozens of freshwater springs scattered across Suwannee County, you have your choice of perfection. Come along as we introduce you to a variety of favorites and, hopefully, your next adventure.



Whether you make it to a spring or decide to float the day away, the Ichetucknee River won't disappoint. The sun (don't forget the sunscreen!), the views, and a sneak peek at wildlife in its natural habitat will render you relaxed and excited for your next adventure.

SUWANNEE COUNTY FRESHWATER SPRINGS

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ICHETUCKNEE HEAD SPRING

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LITTLE RIVER SPRINGS

SUWANNEE SPRINGS

3243 91ST DR. ►LIVE OAK

Suwannee Springs was one of Florida’s first tourist attractions as it was believed its natural sulfur water had the power to heal. For this reason, the headspring was enclosed and became the property of a resort hotel. Only a few structures remain as evidence of the popular retreat, but the springs remain a sought-after destination. A sandy beach and hiking trails throughout the thickly wooded area bring visitors of all ages and activities. Swim or tube in the cool waters, or take to the trails for excellent hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to explore with you.

FALMOUTH SPRINGS

18550 US HIGHWAY 90 ►LIVE OAK

Sometimes called “the shortest river in the world,” Falmouth Springs isn’t a river. Formed from a partial underwater cavern collapse, the water surfaces for about 450 feet, then disappears underground again until it meets the Suwannee River. What we see is a quiet, hidden swimming hole with ample shade, a white sand bottom, and deceptively calm, clear water. A series of boardwalks provide direct access to the water, and picnic areas, hiking, biking, and horseback riding trails are nearby.

ANDERSON SPRINGS

5285 RIVER ROAD ►LIVE OAK

Anderson Springs is your spot if you’re looking for a secluded hideaway to cool off. How secluded? The spring is located in a riverbed and can only be seen (and enjoyed) when the river’s water level is just right. The small spring is great for shallow swimming and excellent for wildlife viewing. This location has no facilities or amenities, just you and beautiful nature. A 5-mile loop trail is nearby for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

CHARLES SPRINGS

15465 237TH DR. ►LIVE OAK

This five-acre County Park is a designated historic site, as it was the location of an 1800s trading post and ferryboat across the Suwannee River. This small, shallow spring is great for families with easy access via wooden stairs and beautiful bluff views overlooking the Suwannee River. A single paved boat ramp, picnic table, grill, and portable restrooms are available to complete your visit.



ROYAL SPRINGS

LAFAYETTE BLUE SPRINGS STATE PARK

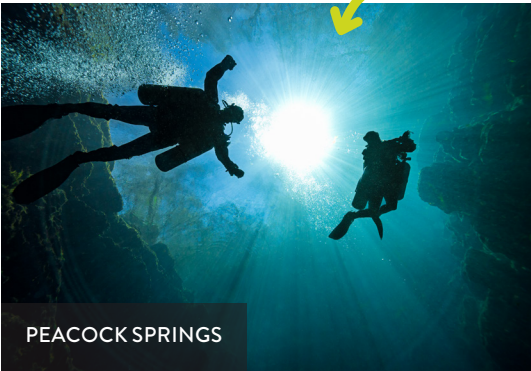
799 BLUE SPRINGS RD. ►MAYO

This State Park offers plentiful opportunities to hike, bike, paddle, fish and camp. Certified cave divers can explore over 12,000 feet of passageways that have formed over time. The shallow Lafayette Blue Springs have naturally crafted limestone bridges separating the spring into two pools of clear water, pending the water level. Perfect for swimming, Lafayette Blue is mostly shaded from the sun and has dozens of picnic areas, wooden stairs for easy access to the water and portable facilities.

WES SKILES PEACOCK SPRINGS

18532 180TH ST ►LIVE OAK

Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park has two major springs, an award-winning nature trail, and one of the longest underwater cave systems in the continental U.S. A popular swimming and snorkeling spot during the summer months, Peacock Springs attracts certified cave divers from all over the world looking to explore the 33,000 feet of surveyed underwater tunnels—that’s over six miles! If you’re staying above ground, head out on the interpretive nature trail that follows the cave system below and witness wildlife like never before. Nearby amenities include a picnic area with grills, portable restrooms, and parking. Well-behaved, leashed dogs are also welcome.



PEACOCK SPRINGS

ORANGE GROVE SINK

18532 180TH ST. ►LIVE OAK

Located inside the Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park is Orange Grove Sink. It’s much smaller in size but packs a punch on adventure. Please don’t be deterred by the thin green layer of Duckweed—a natural plant—that may float on the surface; this is a great swimming spot and even better for open water diving, cavern, and cave diving.

COW SPRINGS

18487 177TH RD. ►LIVE OAK

Technically a sinkhole, Cow Spring’s narrow size isn’t suitable for swimming but offers a wealth of diving in its three caverns and two siphon tunnels. To explore, divers must be members of the NSS-CDS and of intermediate skills. A wooden walkway, stairs, a platform, and a changing room make this challenging dive worth noting.

ROYAL SPRINGS

20091 157TH LANE ►O’BRIEN

Royal Springs is a family favorite for fun! Shallow edges are kid-friendly and perfect for lounging, while the 42-foot depth is excellent for swimming, diving, and snorkeling. Like to live on the wild side? Make a splash from the jumping platform! Just here for the show? Take in the beautiful view from any of the three overlook decks. Surrounded by towering trees and limestone rock, This spring echoes gorgeous blue hues and is mostly shaded throughout the day. Nearby picnic tables, grills, and portable restrooms will help make this experience a full day of fun.

TROY SPRINGS

674 N.E. TROY SPRINGS RD. ►BRANFORD

Recognized for its extremely clear water and large run, Troy Springs is a popular spot for wading and swimming opportunities, with a little surprise. The footprint of the Civil War-era steamboat *Madison*—which was scuttled in 1863 to keep it from being captured—remains on the floor of the spring run. Though the ship’s structure can be seen from the boardwalk of Troy Springs, snorkeling and scuba diving will provide the best view. The cave system is no longer open to underwater divers due to collapsing and unstable limestone.



ICHETUCKNEE'S BLUE HOLE SPRINGS

LITTLE RIVER SPRINGS

24891 105TH LANE ►O'BRIEN

Don’t let the name fool you—there’s nothing little about Little River Springs. Making up a 125-acre county park on the Suwannee River, you can do (and see) just about everything. Two nature walking trails allow you to witness wildlife like deer, squirrels, and countless bird species. The inviting park is groomed with grass, paved sidewalks, and handicap-accessible pavilions—complete with grills, picnic tables, and portable restrooms—while the spring’s stone steps and sandy banks lead you directly into glorious hues of blue and green freshwater. Revel in the dramatic color difference where the clear spring water meets that of the darker, tannic Suwannee River. Little River Springs is excellent for all ages and swimming abilities, with shallow areas perfect for tiny tykes to play in and deeper areas for advanced swimming and snorkeling. Little River Springs also houses a 1200-foot-long cave system open to certified scuba divers.

BRANFORD SPRINGS

614 S.W. IVEY MEMORIAL PARK DR. ►BRANFORD

This small spring is encompassed by a viewing boardwalk with easy access to the water, making this a natural getaway for swimmers and divers. Residing inside Ivy Memorial Park, grass, covered picnic benches, and portable restrooms are nearby to be enjoyed. Two boat ramps also make this an excellent location to launch kayaks and canoes to troll the Suwannee River.

ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

8294 S.W. ELIM CHURCH RD ►FORT WHITE

Located in the southeast corner of Suwannee County, Ichetucknee Springs State Park occupies over 2600 acres of land and includes the six-mile-long Ichetucknee River. The park offers recreation opportunities from hiking and swimming to paddling and tubing. Plan your travel accordingly, and you may even see wild manatees enjoying the water during winter.

ICHETUCKNEE HEAD SPRINGS

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

Declared a National Natural Landmark, the constant 72-degree Ichetucknee Spring is easily accessible for all ages and is equipped with an ADA-friendly lift. The glimmering pool is both shallow and deep, perfect for playing, swimming, and snorkeling. With a paved path to nearby parking, picnic tables, restrooms, and room to lounge, come equipped for a full day of fun.

CEDAR HEAD SPRINGS

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

Tucked away in heavy forest and rolling terrain, Cedar Head has no direct access by land. This historic, third-magnitude spring forms a 350-foot-long run that delivers fresh water into the vast Blue Hole Spring. Sorry, this spring is currently closed for renovations.

BLUE HOLE SPRINGS

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

A quarter-mile-long path from the Head Spring will deliver you to Blue Hole Spring. The deep blue water protects a horizontal cave system—just 30 feet below the surface—where licensed scuba divers are permitted from October to March. Due to its depth and strong current, this location is not suitable for children or weak swimmers, but it is certainly a place to take in the beautiful scenery.

MISSION SPRINGS COMPLEX

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

The complex comprises two springs: Roaring Spring and Singing Spring and is the second largest on the Ichetucknee River. Just south of Blue Hole, you can enjoy all forms of water activities in the complex, but with a strong flow of water coming through, strong skillsets are recommended.

DEVIL’S EYE SPRINGS

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

Usually accessible by kayak or canoe, Devil’s Eye Spring is just off the main river flow. Twisted live oak branches and two large limestone vents let you know you’ve arrived. Though swimming is not allowed, the bright blue reflections and unspoiled access to wildlife are worthy of the paddle. Sorry, this spring is currently closed for renovations.

GRASSY HOLE SPRINGS

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

Small in size, Grassy Hole Spring is in pristine condition and often hard to access due to its extremely shallow water levels. The spring is only accessible by canoe when the water is high. However, this spring is currently closed for renovations.

MILL POND SPRINGS

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

The run of Mill Pond Spring was altered in the 1800s to channel water to power a gristmill built after the Civil War. Remnants of the historic mill remain, but the run and spring are now restricted.

COFFEE SPRINGS

►ICHETUCKNEE SPRINGS STATE PARK

Coffee Spring is one of the most essential springs on the river. It’s home to the critically imperiled and endemic Ichetucknee siltsnail! Access to the spring is currently closed to the public to preserve this species’ pristine habitat and longevity.



ICHNETUCKNEE HEAD SPRINGS