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Wekiwa Springs and River Tour (Tour is Limited to 20 people)

Itinerary:	
8:00am	Bus departs Caribe Royale Hotel
9:00am	Arrive at Wekiwa Springs State Park
9:30am-12:00pm	Canoe trip on Wekiwa Spring Run (See Liability Waiver on website and registration form)
12:00 pm-1:00pm	Eat Boxed lunches
1:00pm-2:30pm	On your own to explore head spring and nature trails
3:00pm-4:00pm	Bus returns to Hotel

Description:

Located at the headwaters of the Wekiva River, the beautiful vistas within this park offer a glimpse of what Central Florida looked like when Timucuan Indians fished and hunted these lands. Just one hour from most central Florida attractions, Wekiwa Springs offers visitors the opportunity to relax in a natural setting, enjoy a picnic, or take a swim in the cool spring. Canoeists and kayakers can paddle along the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run. This will be a day trip to Wekiwa Springs State Park (1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, FL 32712). We will do a short canoe trip down the springs and back and spend time exploring the spring and surrounding river hammocks.



Along the way, the Tour Leader will provide background information on the geology and ecology of Florida springs and related wetland habitats. The canoeing is "flatwater" and suitable for those with minimal or no experience. Safety gear (personal flotation device, whistle) is provided with the canoe rental.



<u>What to wear and bring:</u> You will likely get wet, so dress accordingly (swim suit, field clothes); bring towels, sunscreen, and bug repellent.

Food Offered: Water and lunch will be provided.

Driving Distance: Is approximately 35 miles one-way. Map: g.co/maps/p6wuy

Cost of Tour: \$75.00 per person (Fees include lunch, admission/rental fees and transportation.)

For Questions about the Tour Site, Contact: Robert Mattson, TOUR LEADER, SJRWMD Phone: (386) 329-4582 | Email: <u>rmattson@sjrwmd.com</u>

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