



Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park

2018 PARK FACTS

<u>VISITATION</u>	<u>ECONOMIC IMPACT</u>	<u>LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
55,703	4,489,294	63	18*	45	17,375

*Wekiwa Springs State Park, Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park, & Rock Springs Run State Reserve are all managed by 18 staff.



Central Florida nature exists in its purest form along four miles of the Wekiva River and Blackwater Creek. For thousands of years, Native Americans valued the abundance of wildlife in this area. This system of blackwater streams and wetlands provides habitat for black bears, river otters, alligators, wood storks and sandhill cranes. Visitors can stroll along the Sand Hill Nature Trail for a self-guided tour of the native Florida plants and wildlife found at the park. Canoeists can paddle through the park on the Wekiva River.

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2018 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**
(164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- **\$2.4 billion direct economic impact**
- **\$158 million in sales tax revenue**
- **33,587 jobs supported**
- **Over 28 million visitors served**

Wekiva Wilderness Trust



Wekiva Wilderness Trust, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit volunteer organization, supports three state parks in the Wekiwa Springs basin. There are many volunteer opportunities from helping to run the nature center and conducting guided walks to river patrol and assisting rangers in the park. For information about volunteering and assisting the Trust please call 407-884-2006.

Find Out More - Get Involved

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