



# Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park

## 2021 PARK FACTS

<u>VISITATION</u>	<u>ECONOMIC IMPACT</u>	<u>LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
38,002	\$5,672,946	79	18*	6	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.

**Plan your visit at [FloridaStateParks.org](https://FloridaStateParks.org)**



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# FLORIDA STATE PARKS

## A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO FLORIDA'S WELL-BEING!



The Florida State Parks and Trails system is one of the state's greatest success stories having won the prestigious National Gold Medal of Excellence a record four times. Florida residents and visitors from around the world are drawn to Florida's state parks and trails as *the places* to hike, bike, kayak, swim, fish, camp, lay on the beach, hunt for shells, learn about nature and Florida history, have family reunions, and even get married!

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### FY 2020-21 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**  
(164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- **\$4.4 billion direct economic impact**
- **\$300 million in sales tax revenue**
- **61,983 jobs supported**
- **29 million visitors served**

# Wekiwa Wilderness Trust

Wekiwa 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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