BLUE SPRING STATE PARK

ENCOUNTER THE GENTLE GIANTS WE CALL MANATEES

2025 PARK FACTS		
VISITATION	**ECONOMIC IMPACT**	**LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED**
631,012	$76,252,683	1,068

Refreshing 72-degree waters of Blue Spring State Park greet visitors at this gem along the St. Johns River. Conservation measures can produce astounding results. In 1970, two years before Blue Spring State Park was established, researchers tracked 14 manatees in the spring run. By 2005, after years of park improvements and manatee protection efforts, wintering manatee numbers exceeded 200. By 2018, that number skyrocketed to a record 485. Besides sea cows, fish abound in the spring run, and these attract a variety of wading birds, ospreys, eagles and kingfishers. To see the park's wonders, one can hike along the spring run or on the 4.5-mile Pine Island Trail. One can also launch a canoe or kayak, rent one at the park or take a guided river boat cruise.

Plan your visit at FloridaStateParks.org

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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 2024-25 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**
  (164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- **$3.6 billion direct economic impact**
- **$234 million in sales tax revenue**
- **49,910 jobs supported**
- **Over 28 million visitors served**

Friends of Blue Spring State Park
Orange City, FL

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