DE LEON SPRINGS STATE PARK

2025 PARK FACTS

VISITATION	ECONOMIC IMPACT	LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED
237,877	$29,099,534	407

Once called *Acuera,* or "Healing Waters," by Timucuan Indians who inhabited the area, De Leon Springs is a place to cool off in clear waters, roam trails through a lush subtropical forest that features a massive old-growth bald cypress tree and immerse oneself in a rich history. The spring run was once used to turn a sugar cane mill followed by a grist mill to turn corn into flour during the Civil War. The famous naturalist John James Audubon visited the springs in 1831. "This spring presents a circular basin, having a diameter of about sixty feet, from the center of which the water is thrown up with great force, although it does not rise to a height of more than a few inches above the general level," he wrote in his journal. Today, thanks to state park protection, Audubon's description still rings true.

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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 DELEON SPRINGS STATE PARK

The Friends' role is to support the park and to provide supplemental funding for purchasing equipment, making improvements to buildings, developing exhibits and providing enhancements that improve the visitors' experience. We work with other organizations, such as the De Leon Springs Garden Club, to build a shelter for large artifacts and to maintain the Butterfly Garden. Assistance was also provided to the Florida Trails Association to develop the Wild Persimmon Trail, a four-mile hiking trail.

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