



## Wakulla Springs State Park Boat Tour - Sunday, May 23, 2010

**Meet at 8:15 a.m. Civic Center parking lot.** Carpool caravan will depart for the Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park promptly at **8:30 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own--

**Start time at field trip location: 9:15 a.m..** Meet at **Wakulla Springs State Park Boat Launch area.** The Park Ranger at the entrance station can easily direct you to where to board the boat. Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park is located in Wakulla County, 14 miles south of Tallahassee, on State Road 267. Phone: 850-926-0070 (**see map below**)

**End Time:** 2 p.m.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Easy      **Handicap access:** No

**Guide:**, Ashley O'Neal, Florida Department of Environmental Protection biologist. Contact info: [oneala11@hotmail.com](mailto:oneala11@hotmail.com)

**Local Expert:** Scott Savory, biologist, Wakulla Springs State Park

**Description:** Wakulla Springs State Park is one of Florida's most mysterious and fascinating places. It is home to one of the world's largest and deepest freshwater springs, as well as to old growth floodplain forest and upland hardwood forest. You will learn about the native (and non-native invasive) aquatic and wetland plants associated with the spring and river from the relaxing vantage point of a cruising river boat. You will also observe creatures such as anhingas, alligators, purple gallinules, and yellow-crowned night herons. Following the riverboat tour, we will take a hike on trails through floodplain and upland hardwood forest, and see the nice diversity of plants in a north Florida mixed hardwood forest. Come see where Tarzan and the Creature from the Black Lagoon once roamed! There is a picnic area in the park where we can have lunch.

**Entrance Fee: \$6:00 per vehicle; \$4:00 per single occupant vehicle. Boat fee: \$8:00 per adult; \$6:00 per child**

**DON'T FORGET:** Water, sunscreen, hat. Bring binoculars and cameras if you wish. Light, long-sleeved shirt and pants are recommended to protect against biting insects and the sun.

**Nearest Restrooms:** There are restrooms at Wakulla Springs State park.

Cell phone reception: good

Nearest gas station: gas up in Tallahassee.

**Park Entrance:** From Tallahassee take Monroe Street (SR61) south to Orange Ave (CR363). Turn right on Orange Ave. and then left at the next light onto S. Adams St. Continue south on S. Adams (which becomes Crawfordville Hwy [SR 61]) for 4.5 miles and bear left at a fork onto Wakulla Springs Road (SR 61). Continue south to SR 267 (flashing light). Turn left and you will see park entrance immediately on your right.

See attached map.

**Map:**

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Wakulla+Springs,+FL&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=50.02446,78.837891&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=Wakulla+Springs,+Wakulla,+Florida&z=10](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Wakulla+Springs,+FL&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=50.02446,78.837891&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=Wakulla+Springs,+Wakulla,+Florida&z=10)