



## Palmetto Expeditions

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### Wakulla Springs State Park



#### **WILD ABOUT WAKULLA features EDWARD BALL WAKULLA SPRINGS STATE PARK**

Home of one of the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world, this park plays host to an abundance of wildlife, including alligators, turtles, deer, and birds. Daily guided riverboat tours provide a closer view of wildlife, and glass bottom boat tours are offered when the water is clear. Swimming is a popular activity during the hot summer months. A nature trail offers a leisurely walk along the upland wooded areas of the park. The Wakulla Springs Lodge was built in 1937 by financier Edward Ball and is open year-round. A full-service dining room overlooks the spring; lodge meeting facilities offer an excellent place for retreats. Wakulla Springs State Park and Lodge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is designated as a National Natural Landmark.

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River Boat Tour along the Wakulla River is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the area. The 40-60 minute world-class wildlife viewing event takes visitors on a three mile loop downstream and back among majestic bald cypress trees, elegant wading birds and toothy alligators. Manatees are often sighted, but their presence is not dependable. A camera is highly recommended to capture the candid images of the river's fauna. The ranger-led tour not only highlights the wildlife, but often includes stories of human interactions with the spring. They sometimes feature the lives of indigenous peoples, movies filmed during the Edward Ball years, and/or the more recent adventures of explorations within the caves that bring water to the spring. The River Boat Tours run 365 days a year weather permitting (Temperatures must be above 40 degrees and tours are not conducted during thunderstorms.) The boats are 30 feet long and have a roof. There is also a wheelchair accessible boat that is available upon request.

The Waterfront Visitor's Center opens at 9:30am and the first boat departs at 9:40am. Succeeding tours depart at varying times, depending on visitor demand. Greater visitation results in more frequent tours. The last tour of the day during Standard Time departs at 4:30pm EST. The last tour of the day during Daylight Saving Time is 5:00pm EDT. The cost of the tour is \$8 for adults (13 years old and up), \$5 for children (ages 3-12); under the age of three there is no charge.

***The riverboat tour should not be missed on your visit to Wakulla County!***

**FSU Environmental Law Students "SAVING  
WAKULLA SPRINGS"**

**\$10.00**

SPECIAL STUDENT RATE -Follow the amazing underground journey of precious "blue gold" with noted biologist, Jim Stevenson on this fascinating tour tracing the travels southward from Tallahassee [\[Product Details...\]](#)

**WALKING WITH MASTODONS**

**\$35.00**

Tour may be arranged for groups 15-25. How would you survive in a world of giant elephants, ground sloths, and bison? How would you keep the dire wolves at bay? Discover what made Florida exceptionally different when mastodons made Wakulla their home an [\[Product Details...\]](#)

**Tour Date: February 16, 2019 "SAVING  
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**\$18.00**

TOUR DATE: FEBRUARY 16 -Follow the amazing underground journey of precious "blue gold" with noted biologist, Jim Stevenson on this fascinating tour tracing the travels southward from Tallahassee to the world famous Wakulla Springs [\[Product Details...\]](#)

**Tour Date: March 16, 2019 "SAVING WAKULLA  
SPRINGS"**

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**\$55.00**

MUST HAVE FULL BOAT OF 6 TO RUN CRUISE. LESS THAN 6? CALL US TO BE PUT ON A PAIRING LIST. Tour the area of Spring Creek with Captain Jody Campbell. Visit Smith Island where pelicans and other shore birds roost each year. Jody will beach the b [\[Product Details...\]](#)

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**NATURAL BRIDGE CONFEDERATE BATTLEFIELD**

**\$12.00**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 10 AM- Located 13 miles south of Tallahassee, the historic site provides the only natural crossing of the St. Marks River for most of the river's length. Join guide Phil Gerrell for a journey back in time. Child \$5 [\[Product Details...\]](#)

**SHELL POINT SUNSET CRUISE**

**\$55.00**

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