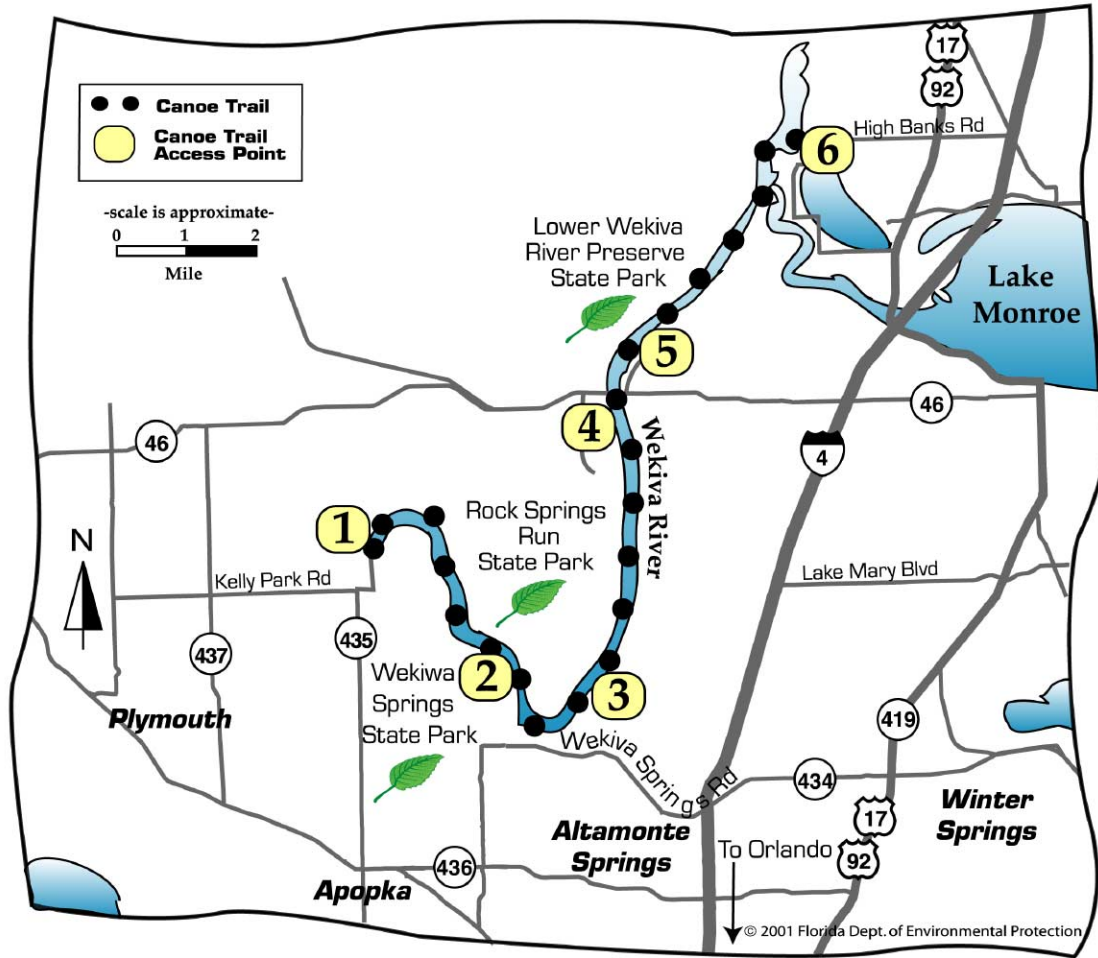


Wekiva River/Rock Springs Run Canoe Trail



Only miles from Orlando, this trail is the most scenic in central Florida.

The Wekiva River/Rock Springs Run Canoe Trail is officially designated as part of Florida's Statewide System of Greenways and Trails. This canoe trail begins at Kings Landing on Rock Springs Run and continues down the run until it meets the Wekiva River. The trail then travels north, although the river is running downstream, on the Wekiva River. Rock Springs Run is bordered by Rock Springs Run State Preserve on one side and Wekiwa Springs State Park on the other. The trail passes through Lower Wekiva State Reserve on its way to the St. Johns River. The mixture of swift and placid water offers a frequent change of pace. Traveling through sand pine scrub, pine flatwoods, hammocks and swamps, paddlers will see a variety of wildlife including limpkins and white ibis. Quiet observers may see some rare and endangered species like the Florida black bear, wood stork and sandhill crane. Early human inhabitants were drawn to the area by the abundant wildlife, as evidenced by several kitchen middens located along both rivers. Numerous islands, tributaries and lagoons provide opportunities for side trips and camping.



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Counties: Lake, Orange, Seminole

Mileage: 27

Skill Level: Intermediate

Difficulty: Moderate

Usual Current: Average (2-3 mph) to swift (3+ mph)

Notes and Precautions

Hyacinths may be abundant along the trail. Watch for overhanging trees, underwater obstructions and swift currents on some sections of the trail. To reach the end of the trail, High Banks Road Landing, by canoe, cross the St. Johns River between markers 91 and 92. Hug the west shoreline of the St. Johns until crossing. Be wary of heavy motorboat wakes.

Access

1. Kings Landing – From Apopka, take CR 435 six miles north to Kelly Park Road. Take this road east for .3 mile to Baptist Camp Road. Go north .7 mile to Kings Landing.
2. Wekiwa Springs State Park – From Interstate 4, take exit 49 to State Rd 434 and head west approximately 1.5 mi, turn right onto Wekiwa Springs Rd, head west for Approximately 4 mi. (9 miles)
3. Wekiwa Marina – From Wekiwa Springs State Park, head east on Wekiwa Springs Road for 1.1 miles to Miami Springs Road. Take Miami Springs Road north to Wekiwa Springs Marina. (1 mile)
4. Wekiwa Falls – From Interstate 4, take exit 51 to SR 46. Head west 5.2 miles and cross the Wekiwa River. Past the river, turn left on Wekiwa River Road. Take it 1.4 miles to Wekiwa Falls Resort. (10 miles)
5. Katie's Landing – Take SR 46 4.6 miles west of I-4 to Wekiwa Park Drive. Turn north and go one mile to landing. (1 mile)
6. High Bank Road Landing – 2.9 miles west of SR 17 / 92 and town of DeBary. (5 miles)

There may be access points (both public and private) in addition to those listed here. Please remember that some sites require a fee for launching and/or parking.



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