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This wildlife festival packet is available online at www.WakullaWildlifeFestival.org

Please Join Us to celebrate wildlife!

Festival Admission: There is no registration fee to enjoy the Festival. Normal park admission fees do apply to enter State Parks, the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and the Leon Sinks Geological Area.

On Saturday, April 22, Activities at the Wakulla Springs State Park with \$4.00 per vehicle Park Admission include: Headliner **“Birds of Prey” and Raptor/Reptile** shows; Presentations; Exhibits; **Art on the Terrace**; and many **Guided Tours** including birds, trees, woodland and medicinal plants.

Additional fees apply to **Premium Guided Tours** and **Nature Photography Class** in or near Wakulla County identified to the right. **Space is limited** for these popular activities so **pre-registration** is highly recommended or required using the enclosed registration form by April 14. You may also register at the festival for those **Premium Guided Tours** with space still available.

Premium Guided Tours

Bird watching at Bald Point State Park (#1).....	\$10
Champion Tree and Plant Tour (#s 26, 27)	\$10
Coastal Excursion I - Apalachee Bay Boat Tour (#7)	\$50
Coastal Excursion II - Dickerson Bay Boat Tour (#22).....	\$40
Defending Tallahassee from the Union Invasion at the Natural Bridge (#10).....	\$10
Discovering Local Reptiles and Amphibians (#9)	\$10
General Photography Session (#3).....	\$10
George “of the Jungle” Weymouth Wakulla Wildlife Tour (#20)	\$30
Lighthouse Twilight Tour and Wildlife Observation (#5)	\$10
Mid-lower St. Marks River Guided Kayak Tour with Wilderness Way (#19) ..	\$41
Nature Photography Class and Boat Photo Tour (#25)	\$10
Ochlockonee River State Park Red-cockaded Woodpecker Tour (#13)	\$10
Owl Prowl at Wakulla Springs (#15).....	\$10
Port Leon History Hike (#12)	\$10
Red-cockaded Woodpecker Roost w/Longleaf Wiregrass Tour (#4).....	\$10
Refuge Bird & Wildlife Tour (#8)	\$10
River Road Neotropical Birding Tour (#21)	\$10
Shepherd Spring & Cathedral of Palms (#11).....	\$10
Sounds of the Night - Wakulla River Boat Tour (#16).....	\$10
Spiders Up Close and in the Dark (#s 6, 14).....	\$10
Spring Plants and Wildflower Tour (#18).....	\$10
Sunrise Birding Boat Cruise (#17) (child = age 12 & under).....adult \$10, child \$5	
Tour of Sinks of the Wakulla Springs River Basin (#23)	\$10
Wakulla River Guided Canoe/Kayak Tour with TNT Canoe Rental (#24)	\$25
White Squirrels of Ochlockonee River State Park (#2).....	\$10

2006 Pre-registration Form - Wakulla Wildlife Festival

Space is limited for many activities, so **Please pre-register by April 14.**

1. Complete the entire pre-registration form, entering the "number of people" to the right of each tour that you wish to register.
2. Call Wakulla Springs (850-224-5950) to determine if your selections have space available. Your phone call will reserve your space.
3. If paying *by credit card*:
 - ? Provide credit card information to Wakulla Springs staff on the phone.
 - ? Retain this pre-registration form with confirmed tours noted.
 - ? You will receive verification of pre-registration and payment by mail.
4. If paying *by check*:
 - ? Make checks payable to **Friends of Wakulla Springs, Inc**
 - ? Mail this form and your check to: Wakulla Springs State Park, Attention Wildlife Festival, 550 Wakulla Park Drive, Wakulla Springs, FL 32327-0390
 - ? You will receive verification of pre-registration and payment by mail.

Name: _____ Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ / _____
 E-Mail: _____

Thursday, April 20

Time	Tour	Activity	People	Cost	Total	☞
8:30 - 10:00 am	1	Bird watching at Bald Point State Park		\$10	\$	
10:00 - 11:30 am	2	White Squirrels of Ochlockonee River State Park		\$10	\$	
3:30 - 5:00 pm	3	General Photography Session, Barney Parker (St Marks Refuge)		\$10	\$	
6:30 - 8:30 pm	4	Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Roost w/Longleaf-Wiregrass Ecosystem Tour (St Marks Refuge)		\$10	\$	
7:00 - 9:00 pm	5	Lighthouse Twilight Tour and Wildlife Observation, St Marks Refuge		\$10	\$	
7:00 - 9:00 pm	6	Spiders Up Close and in the Dark		\$10	\$	

Friday, April 21

Time	Tour	Activity	People	Cost	Total	☞
8:00 - 3:00 pm	7	Coastal Boat Excursion I – Goose Creek Bay		\$50	\$	
9:00 - 11:00 am	8	Refuge Bird & Wildlife Tour - St. Marks Refuge		\$10	\$	
9:00 - 12:00 pm	9	Discovering Local Reptiles and Amphibians		\$10	\$	
10:00 - 11:00 am	10	Defending Tallahassee from the Union Invasion at the Natural Bridge		\$10	\$	
1:00 - 3:00 pm	11	Shepherd Springs & Cathedral of Palms Hike		\$10	\$	
1:00 - 3:00 pm	12	Port Leon History Hike		\$10	\$	
7:00 - 9:00 pm	13	Ochlockonee River State Park Red-cockaded Woodpecker Tour		\$10	\$	
7:00 - 9:00 pm	14	Spiders Up Close and in the Dark		\$10	\$	
7:30 - 9:00 pm	15	Owl Prowl at Wakulla Springs		\$10	\$	
8:30 - 10:00 pm	16	Sounds of the Night Wakulla River Boat Tour	__child __adult	\$ 5 child \$10 adult	\$	

Saturday, April 22

Time	Tour	Activity	People	Cost	Total	☞
7:00 - 8:30 am	17	Sunrise Birding Cruise on the Wakulla River	__child	\$ 5 child		
7:30 - 9:00 am		(First arrivals in line will go on the 7:00am boat)	__adult	\$10 adult	\$	
8:00 - 10:00 am	18	Spring Plants and Wildflower Tour		\$10	\$	
8:00 - 2:00 pm	19	Mid-lower St. Marks River Guided Kayak Tour with Wilderness Way		\$41	\$	
8:00 - 1:00 pm	20	George "of the Jungle" Weymouth Wakulla Wildlife Tour		\$30	\$	
8:45 - 10:45 am	21	River Road Neotropical Birding Tour		\$10	\$	
9:00 - 4:00 pm	22	Coastal Boat Excursion II – Dickerson Bay		\$40	\$	
9:00 - 11:30 am	23	Tour of Sinks of Wakulla Springs River Basin		\$10	\$	
9:00 - 4:00 pm	24	Wakulla River Guided Canoe/Kayak Tour with TNT Canoe Rental		\$30	\$	
9:30 - 12:00 pm	25	Nature Photography Class and Boat Photo Tour		\$10	\$	
10:00 - 12:00 pm	26	Champion Tree and Plant Tour		\$10	\$	
1:30 - 3:30 pm	27	Champion Tree and Plant Tour		\$10	\$	

If paying by check, make check payable to **Friends of Wakulla Springs, Inc** Overall Total \$ _____

Important Note: If there is not sufficient time to return this form by mail, you may pick up a copy at the Registration Booth.
 (This wildlife festival packet is available online at www.WakullaWildlifeFestival.org)

Festival Location

Our focus is on wildlife and the environment; therefore, festival tours take you to many phenomenal natural areas, including the Wakulla Springs State Park, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, Wakulla River, Ochlockonee River State Park, Bald Point State Park, Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park, the Sinks of the Wakulla Springs River Basin, Dickerson and Apalachee Bays, and the St. Marks River. Please see the Map of Festival Locations (page 8), and consider driving time between tour locations when completing the pre-registration form.

Saturday's Educational / Learning Activities (*FREE* with Park admission)

Florida State University's Saturday-at-the-Sea program will be on hand with touch tanks and information about Florida's sea life. The Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science will have hands-on activities and animals visiting from the museum. The festival will have 30+ Exhibitors. There will also be stations for "learning. These include: **Wetlands Working for Wildlife**, where you can explore the importance of wetlands, and **Aquatic Health**, a dockside station where you can see a diverse array of creatures from the Wakulla River, including macro-invertebrates and vertebrates!

Wildlife "Art on the Terrace" (*FREE* with Park admission)

Friday Afternoon & Saturday Original wildlife art by local & award-winning artists. Lodge Terrace, Wakulla Springs State Park

Presentations (*FREE* with Park admission)

Friday at Wakulla Springs

11:00-12:00pm **Kids Birding at the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge** - Students of the Astoria Elementary School will present their on-line "Field Guide to the Birds at St. Marks". Thanks to a Nature of Learning Grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Foundation, 4th grade students and their teachers worked with St. Francis Wildlife Education Director Sandy Beck to observe, sketch and write about the different birds that live in and visit the St. Marks Refuge in the fall, winter and spring. *Meet in Pavilion Building, Wakulla Springs State Park.*

Saturday at Wakulla Springs

- 9:00-10:00am **Birds of Prey/Raptor Show** - Steve Hein, Master Falconer & Director of the Center for Wildlife Education, Georgia Southern University brings his expertise to the Park to perform fascinating flight demonstrations of various raptors, including eagles, hawks and others. Steve presents predator/prey relations, raptors as environmental indicators and adaptations in the animal kingdom while hawks and owls fly over your heads. There will be considerable audience participation as they offer opportunities to get up close and personal with eagles, owls, falcons and other raptors. *Meet in the Outdoor Amphitheatre by the Picnic area in Wakulla Springs State Park.*
- 10:00-11:00am **Reptile/Amphibian Show** - Join Steve Hein for another exciting show. Experience the thrill of seeing, touching, and listening to interesting facts about snakes, lizards and other reptiles. Observe the reptile experts as they handle both native and exotic species. Participate in a hands-on reptile encounter! You can also witness various creepy crawlers, such as giant hissing cockroaches and centipedes! *Meet in the Outdoor Amphitheatre by the Picnic area in Wakulla Springs State Park.*
- 10:00-11:00am **Butterflies/Caterpillars of the Florida Panhandle** - Learn about the common butterflies and their caterpillars that thrive in the Florida Panhandle. Bill Boothe is a local naturalist, writer, wildlife photographer, and member of the North American Butterfly Association. *Meet in Pavilion Building, Wakulla Springs State Park.*
- 1:00-2:00pm **Birds of Prey/Raptor Show** - Steve Hein, Master Falconer & Director of the Center for Wildlife Education, Georgia Southern University returns for a 2nd show, same as 9:00 am presentation above.
- 1:00-2:00pm **Birding in Your Backyard** - If you love having lots of birds in your backyard, but want to know more about them, then this is the program for you. We will discuss the various backyard species and what you can do to encourage and provide for them. The program will cover various topics including, feeding and watering stations, nesting boxes, species identification and habitat enrichment. *Meet at the Pavilion Building, Wakulla Springs State Park.*
- 2:00-3:00pm **Reptile/Amphibian Show** - Steve Hein, Director of Center for Wildlife Education at Georgia Southern, repeats the reptile show. Same as 10:00 am show above.
- 2:30-3:00pm **The Wakulla Springs Cave System - The Woodville Karst Plain** presentation by Project Director Casey McKinlay, Woodville Karst Plain Project - Divers take you on a phenomenal video journey into the caves to show what lies deep beneath Wakulla Springs. *Meet at the Pavilion Building, Wakulla Springs State Park.*
- 3:00-4:00pm **Where Does Wakulla's Water Come From? Establishing Hydrologic Connections in the Woodville Karst Plain** - Dr. Todd Kincaid will present research by the Florida Geological Survey and Florida State University on groundwater/surface water flow through the Woodville Karst Plain and its effects on water quality at Wakulla Springs and in the Floridan aquifer. He will present how groundwater tracing studies are being used to identify direct and rapid connections between surface water runoff and spring discharge. *Meet at the Pavilion Building, Wakulla Springs State Park.*

Tour and Presentation Descriptions

- ✂ *Space is limited on many tours, so pre-registration is required or recommended.. The cost for tours below is per person.*
- ✂ *It is important to consider travel time between locations when planning your day! Please refer to the locations map and approximate travel times on page 8 of this brochure.*
- ✂ *Most Thursday & Friday events are in southern Wakulla County, but there is 1 activity at Wakulla Springs Thursday night; and 3 activities at Wakulla Springs Friday night.*
- ✂ *Most Saturday events are at the Wakulla Springs State Park, but there are also tours departing from the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, the Leon Sinks Geological Area and the Inn at Wildwood on Saturday.*

Thursday, April 20, 2006

- 8:30 - 10:00 am #1 **Bird watching at Bald Point State Park** - Bald Point is strategically located at the mouth of Ochlockonee Bay. Geographically it is the first land fall for thousands of trans-gulf migrants as they wing their way north. In the right weather circumstances Bald Point can be covered with birds!
Meet at Bald Point (go through the Bald Point State Park entrance gate and drive to the end of the Bald Point Road).
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 10:00 - 11:30 am #2 **White Squirrels of Ochlockonee River State Park** - Join Park Ranger Linda Trice for a presentation of the theories of the history of the White Squirrel populations that have been introduced in the Park. She will provide a brief overview of albino versus genetic variation that causes the lack of pigmentation. As numbers appear to be declining, she will discuss predation and interbreeding. An easy walk around selected areas of the Park will provide on-site observation of some local residents.
Meet at picnic area parking lot, Ochlockonee River State Park, 429 State Park Road (Off Hwy 319, 4 miles S of Sopchoppy). 850/962-2771.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm #3 **General Photography Session** - Want to learn more about taking better photographs with your new digital camera? Take a walk with Barney Parker, retired FSU biology instructor and nature photographer. "In addition to learning a little natural history, you will learn ten tips to improve your photography."
Meet at the St. Marks Refuge Visitor Center, 1255 Lighthouse Road; call the Refuge at 850/925-6121 for detailed directions.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm #4 **Red-cockaded Woodpecker Roost with Longleaf-Wiregrass Ecosystem Tour** - Experience a Longleaf Pine/Sandhill Community with Refuge Biologist Michael Keys. Observe Gopher Tortoise burrows, Red-cockaded woodpecker cavities, and hopefully Fox Squirrels. Observe the Red-cockaded Woodpeckers return to their cavity for the evening.
Meet at the St. Marks Refuge Visitor Center, 1255 Lighthouse Road; call the Refuge at 850/925-6121 for detailed directions.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm #5 **Lighthouse Twilight Tour and Wildlife Observation** - Tour the 175-year-old St. Mark's Lighthouse at sunset with ranger historian Andrew Edel as he explains some of the colorful history of the historic landmark. He will detail construction, layout and history of the lighthouse and the lighthouse keepers that lived there.
Meet at the St. Marks Refuge Visitor Center, 1255 Lighthouse Road. Call the Refuge at 850/925-6121 for detailed directions.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm #6 **Spiders Up Close and in the Dark** - Spiders are fascinating, and the webs they weave are incredible in architecture, engineering & design. Join Spider expert Dave Gowan for a detailed presentation about our spiders; then go out in the dark to actually find them! Bring flashlight or headlamp.
Presentation first in the Pavilion, Wakulla Springs State Park.
\$10 Pre-registration required.

Friday, April 21, 2006

- 8:00 - 3:00 pm #7 **Coastal Boat Excursion I - Goose Creek Bay** - Explore salt marsh, oyster flats, sea grass meadow, coastal islands, confederate salt works and more in and around Shell Point, Live Oak Island, and Pattys Island with expert fishing guide Capt. Jody Campbell. (USCG Licensed). See birds, other wildlife and spectacular, unspoiled coastal vistas. \$50 per person includes transportation, safety equipment, guide and refreshments. Bring sun protection.
Meet at the Inn at Wildwood. Call 850/926-4455 for directions.
\$50 Pre-registration recommended.
- 9:00 - 11:00 am #8 **Refuge Bird & Wildlife Tour** - Naturalists' tour of the St. Marks Refuge - Join guide and refuge volunteer Don Morrow for a "behind the scenes" tour of the woods, marshes and pools of the St Marks Refuge. Enjoy all the natural beauty that spring has to offer on one of the nation's oldest and most diverse National Wildlife Refuges.
Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center, 1255 Lighthouse Road. Call the Refuge at 850/925-6121 for directions.
\$10 Pre-registration required.

- 9:00 - 12:00 am #9 **Discovering Local Reptiles and Amphibians.** Join Wildlife Biologists Ryan Means and Rebecca Meegan of the Coastal Plans Institute and Land Conservancy on a fascinating trip to discover reptiles, amphibians, fish and invertebrates in ephemeral ponds in the sandhills. Lots of pond-sloshing, dip-netting. The biologists will also discuss all species found. Bring water, snacks/lunch, hats, sunscreen, bug repellent, and walking shoes that can get wet (water booties or sandals recommended); dress to be outside in warm weather, sunshine and wetland hiking. Walking stick, camera if so inclined!
Meet at the North end of Publix parking lot on the corner of Capital Circle and US 319 South, where we will carpool for short trip into nearby Apalachicola National Forest.
\$10 pre-registration required.
- 10:00 - 11:00 am #10 **Defending Tallahassee from the Union Invasion at the Natural Bridge** Join a Park Ranger for a short guided walking tour of the Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park, the location of the second largest Civil War battle in Florida. This Confederate victory ensured that Tallahassee was the only capital east of the Mississippi River not captured by the Union.
Meet at the Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park. Directions: Take SR 363 south from Tallahassee to Woodville, turn left on Natural Bridge Rd at the Woodville Elem School; drive 6 miles. Call 850/922-6007 for directions.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm - - - **Kids Birding Presentation** - Astoria Elementary Students will present their on-line "Field Guide to the Birds at St. Marks". Fourth grade students and their teachers worked with St. Francis Wildlife Education Director Sandy Beck to observe, sketch and write about the different birds that live at and visit the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge.
Presentation in Pavilion Building, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission. No sign-up required.
- 1:00 - 3:00 pm #11 **Shepherd Springs & Cathedral of Palms Hike** with John Whidden - Hidden deep in the hardwood forest of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge lies a jewel of freshwater springs. Along the Florida Trail leading to Shepherd Spring, many species of woody and herbaceous vegetation can be seen. If you enjoy mature lowland hardwood forests, this walking tour is a must.
Meet at the wildlife check station on the Wakulla Beach Road. Call the Refuge at 850/925-6121 for detailed directions.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 1:00 - 3:00 pm #12 **Port Leon History Hike** Join Andy Edel on a hike to the "ghost" town of Port Leon, which was destroyed in the hurricane of 1843. Once the County Seat of Wakulla, this town was the local hotspot for trade, travel, and fun.
Meet at the wildlife check station on the Wakulla Beach Road. Call the Refuge at 850/925-6121 for detailed directions.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm #13 **Ochlockonee River Red-cockaded Woodpecker Tour** The red-cockaded woodpecker is a specialty species of the local pine Flatwoods. Join Park Rangers at the Ochlockonee River State Park, which has an easily observed, active, red-cockaded woodpecker colony.
Meet at the Ochlockonee River State Park picnic grounds.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm #14 **Spiders Up Close and in the Dark** Same as 7:00 – 9:00 pm Tour #6 on Thursday.
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm #15 **Owl Prowl.** Join Jim Shelton of Apalachee Audubon, to observe and learn about owls and night birds. After a brief discussion of the natural histories of the various species of owls and nightjars in our area, we will take a short walk around the Lodge to call in and observe the owls present.
Meet in the Terrace adjacent to the lobby of the Wakulla Springs Lodge.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 8:30 - 10:00 pm #16 **Sounds of the Night - Wakulla River Boat Tour** - Tour with FPS Biologist Dana Bryan down the Wakulla River to listen to the night's symphony, which may include frogs, toads, cicadas, owls, and perhaps even a gator bellow. Shine for bright red gator eyes! Bring bug repellent and a strong flashlight.
Meet at the Wakulla Springs State Park, waterfront building at the boat docks.
Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$5 Pre-registration required.

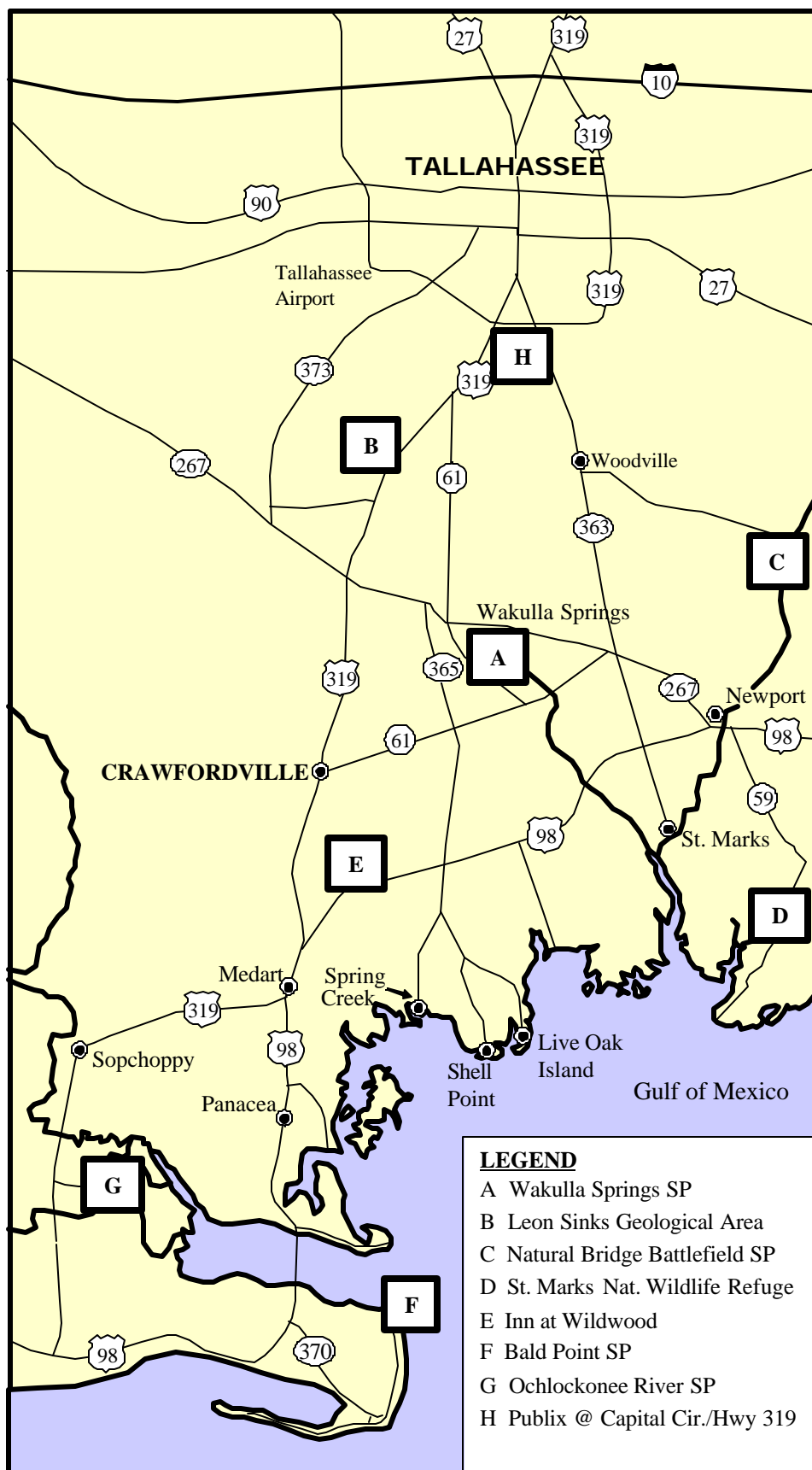
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- 7:00 - 8:30 am #17 **Sunrise Birding Boat Cruise** - Join FPS Biologist Dana Bryan on an early morning Wakulla Springs boat tour as the river comes to life. Early morning on the Wakulla River is a serene experience during the spring songbird migration!
Meet at the Wakulla Springs State Park, waterfront building at the boat docks.
Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$5. Pre-registration recommended.
- 8:00 – 10:00 am #18 **Spring Plants and Wildflowers Tour** - Join renowned writer, naturalist, and educator Gil Nelson to learn how to identify and appreciate the native plants and wildflowers at Wakulla Springs. This will be a leisurely walk along the Park's trails. Bring a hand lens and wildflower guide if you have one, or just bring yourself!
Meet at the Tour Headquarters at Wakulla Springs State Park.
\$10 Pre-registration recommended.

- 8:00am – 2:00 pm #19 **Mid lower St. Marks River Guided Kayak Tour with Wilderness Way** – Explore the middle to lower St. Marks River with guide and naturalist, "Turtle Bob" Walker. Kayak downstream through this hardwood, cypress swamp and observe wildlife habitat home to turtles, otters, osprey, kites, wood ducks, shorebirds, songbirds, wading birds, and waterfowl. Other rare species that inhabit the river corridor include: Woodville cave crayfish, Suwannee bass, West Indian manatee, bald eagle, herons, ibis, red-cockaded woodpecker, and snowy egret. \$41 per person includes kayak and gear, transportation, guides and snacks. Bring drinking water and sun-protection.
Meet at the Inn at Wildwood. Call 850/926-4455 for directions.
\$41 Pre-registration recommended.
- 9:00 – 4:00 pm #20 **George "of the Jungle" Weymouth Wakulla Wildlife Tour** – Join noted naturalist and field guide George Weymouth and explore local habitats to see some of the best spring migrant and resident birds, reptiles, amphibians, strange insects and mammals all within the County. \$30 per person includes transportation, guide and refreshments. Bring drinking water, sun and bug protection and binoculars.
Meet at the Inn at Wildwood. Call 850/926-4455 for directions.
\$30 Pre-registration recommended.
- 8:30 - 9:30 am - - - **Birding Tour** - This is one of several walking birding tours offered in the morning. Join these interesting tours with expert birders to hear, see and learn about birds that can be observed in the uplands of Wakulla Springs.
Meet at the Tour Headquarters, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission. Sign-up at Tour Headquarters.
- 8:45 - 10:45 am #21 **River Road Neotropical Birding Tour** - Jim Cox will guide a small group of birders on a two-hour trip down the River Road which is accessible only on guided tours. The group will look for those hard to find species typically found in this extraordinary environment. This will be a special opportunity and space is limited so sign up early.
Meet at the Tour Headquarters, Wakulla Springs State Park.
\$10 Pre-registration recommended.
- 9:00 - 10:00 am - - - **Birds of Prey/Raptor Show/Flight Demonstrations** - Steve Hein, Director of Center for Wildlife Education at Georgia Southern University. Be wowed by the high-speed action of a raptor flight demonstration! Steve presents predator/prey relations, raptors as environmental indicators and adaptations in the animal kingdom while hawks and owls fly over your heads. There will be considerable audience participation as they offer opportunities to get up close and personal with eagles, owls, falcons, and other wildlife. There is much to learn from this delightful program!
Meet in the Outdoor Amphitheatre by the Picnic area in Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park Admission. No sign-up required.
- 9:00 – 4:00 pm #22 **Coastal Boat Excursion II - Dickerson Bay** - Explore salt marsh, oyster flats, sea grass meadow, coastal islands and more in and around Panacea, Piney Island and Spring Creek with expert fishing guide Capt. Vic Davis (USCG Licensed). See birds, other wildlife and spectacular, unspoiled coastal vistas. \$40 per person includes transportation, safety equipment, guide and refreshments. Bring sun protection.
Meet at the Inn at Wildwood. Call 850/926-4455 for directions.
\$40 Pre-registration recommended.
- 9:00 - 11:30 am #23 **Tour of Sinks of Wakulla Springs River Basin** This tour, led by Jim Stevenson, will follow the route of one of the cave systems conducting groundwater to Wakulla Springs. The tour will begin at Leon Sinks and visit other sinks as you travel south across the Wakulla Springs recharge area. Discussions will include how the Wakulla Springs Basin Working Group is working to protect the groundwater and what you can do to help.
Meet in the parking lot inside the Leon Sinks Geological Area at 6605 Crawfordville Highway (US Highway 319) at the southern extent of Leon County. (5.5 miles south of Capital Circle on the south side of Tallahassee and 3.2 miles north of County Road 267)
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 9:00 – 1:00 pm #24 **Wakulla River Guided Canoe/Kayak Tour with TNT Canoe Rentals** Explore the middle section of the Wakulla River with guide and paddle expert Robby. Observe alligators, Suwannee cooters, West Indian Manatee, wading birds and waterfowl, migrating spring warblers and more. \$30 per person includes kayak or canoe and gear, transportation, guides and snacks. Bring drinking water and sun/ bug protection.
Meet at the Inn at Wildwood. Call 850/926-4455 for directions.
\$30 Pre-registration recommended.
- 9:30 - 10:30 am - - - **Birding Tour** Same as the 8:30 - 9:30 am Birding Tour.
- 9:30 - 12:00 pm #25 **Nature Photography Class/Boat Photo Tour** This workshop looks at different types of camera equipment and accessories, but the main focus is on developing a "photographic eye". View slides, judge winning photos, and then embark on a slower than usual Wakulla River boat cruise to take some of your own photographs. Bring any type of camera, but you'll have more fun with a zoom or telephoto lens. Workshop leader - Doug Alderson.
Meet in the Cypress Room in the Wakulla Lodge, Wakulla Springs State Park.
\$10 Pre-registration required.

- 10:00 - 11:00 am - - - **Reptile/Amphibian Show** - Steve Hein, Director of Center for Wildlife Education, Georgia Southern University. Experience the thrill of seeing, touching, and listening to interesting facts about snakes and other reptiles. Observe the reptile experts as they handle both native and exotic reptiles. Participate in a hands-on reptile encounter! You can also witness various creepy crawlers, such as giant roaches and centipedes. snakes, insects, hissing cockroaches, etc
Meet in the Outdoor Amphitheatre by the Picnic area in Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free With Park Admission. No sign-up required.
- 10:00 - 11:00 am - - - **Butterflies/Caterpillars of the Florida Panhandle** Presentation by Bill Booth, North American Butterfly Association. Learn about the common butterflies and their caterpillars that thrive in the Florida Panhandle. Bill is a local naturalist, writer, and wildlife photographer.
Presentation in Pavilion Building, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission. No sign-up required. No sign-up required
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm - - - **Butterflies of Wakulla Springs** Join David Harder, butterfly expert, to learn about the butterflies and their habitats found at Wakulla Springs State Park.
Meet at the Tour Headquarters, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission. Sign-up at Tour Headquarters.
- 10:00 - 12:00 pm #26 **Champion Tree and Plant Tour** - Van and walking tour - Participants will take this 1.5 mile, 90 minute walking tour through the Sanctuary, which is accessible only on guided tours. Master Wildlife Conservationists George Aphthorp and Connie Bersok will take you through a mature hardwood hammock, while identifying woodland plants (including several Florida Champions and Challenger trees).
Meet at the Tour Headquarters, Wakulla Springs State Park.
\$10 Pre-registration required.
- 10:30 - 11:30 am - - - **Birding Tour** Same as the 8:30 - 9:30 am Birding Tour
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm - - - **Tree Tour** - Stan Rosenthal and Chuck Goodhart - Learn to identify many trees and forest plants found in the Park, which has one of the most beautiful/diverse forests in our area.
Meet at the Tour Headquarters, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission. Sign-up at Tour Headquarters.
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm - - - **Medicinal Plant Tour** Take a guided walk with a Park Ranger into the woods of the Wakulla Springs State Park to discover plants with healing properties. Plants will be identified and the past and present uses discussed.
Meet at the Tour Headquarters, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission. Sign-up at Tour Headquarters.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - - - **Birds of Prey/Raptor Show/Flight Demonstrations** - Steve Hein, Director of Center for Wildlife Education at Georgia Southern University. Same as the 9:00 – 10:00 am Birds of Prey Show, above.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - - - **Birding in Your Backyard** - If you love having lots of birds in your backyard, but want to know more about them, then this is the program for you. You will learn about the various backyard species and what you can do to encourage and provide for them. The program will cover various topics including, feeding and watering stations, nesting boxes, species identification and habitat enrichment.
Presentation in the Pavilion, Wakulla Springs State Park
Free with Park admission. No sign-up required.
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm #27 **Champion Tree and Plant Tour** – Same as 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Tour #26 above.
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm - - - **Reptile/Amphibian Show** - Steve Hein, Director of Center for Wildlife Education at Georgia Southern University. Same as 10:00 – 11:00 am Reptile Show, above.
- 2:00 - 4:00 pm - - - **A Naturalist's Tour of Wakulla Springs** –Join butterfly and plant enthusiast John Tobe on a "Naturalist" hike (mile or so) to find Wakulla Springs' hidden treasures of wild lands and butterflies. Wakulla Springs attracts many diverse species of wonderful fauna. Bring binoculars and wear walking shoes.
Meet at the Tour Headquarters, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission.
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm - - - **Tree Tour** Same as the 11:00 - 12:00 Tree Tour. Free with Park admission.
- 2:30 - 3:00 pm - - - **The Wakulla Springs Cave System - The Woodville Karst Plain** presentation by Project Director Casey McKinlay, Woodville Karst Plain Project - Divers take you on a phenomenal video journey into the caves to show what lies deep beneath Wakulla Springs.
Presentation in the Pavilion, Wakulla Springs State Park
Free with Park admission. No sign-up required.
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - - - **Where Does Wakulla's Water Come From? Establishing Hydrologic Connections in the Woodville Karst Plain** - Dr. Todd Kincaid will present ongoing research by the Florida Geological Survey and FSU on groundwater and surface water flow through the Woodville Karst Plain and the effects of this flow on water quality at Wakulla Springs and in the Floridan aquifer. Presentation of how groundwater tracing studies are being used to identify direct/rapid connections between surface water runoff and spring discharge. Learn about flow/water quality/measuring equipment installed in the Wakulla cave by FGS, FSU and the WKPP.
Presentation in the Pavilion, Wakulla Springs State Park.
Free with Park admission. No sign-up required.

Map of Festival Locations



Approximate Travel Times to tour meeting locations:

Text descriptions of tour meeting locations are provided with tour descriptions on pages 4, 5, 6 and 7.

From downtown Tallahassee

	Minutes
? Bald Point State Park	70
? Leon Sinks Geological Area...	20
? Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park	20
? Ochlockonee River State Park	60
? St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center.....	45
? Wakulla Springs State Park ..	25
? Inn at Wildwood.....	35
? Publix@Capital Cir/Hwy 319 ...	6

From Wakulla Springs

	Minutes
? Bald Point State Park	40
? Leon Sinks Geological Area...	15
? Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park	20
? Ochlockonee River State Park	35
? St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center.....	20
? Inn at Wildwood.....	16
? Publix@Capital Cir/Hwy 319 ..	12

Special Rates for Lodging During the 2006 Festival
Mention the Wakulla Wildlife Festival when making reservations for special rates at the following locations in & around Tallahassee:

Wakulla Springs Lodge (full)

850-224-5950:

Inn at Wildwood

15% off all rooms:

- Double Queen: Regular rate \$79.00, festival rate \$67.15
 - Queen suite: Regular rate \$89.00, festival rate \$75.65
 - King Suite: Regular rate \$99.00, festival rate \$84.51
- 850-926-4455

Suburban Extended Stay Hotel

\$69 with whirlpool bathtub and full kitchens

Ron Johnson 850-386-2121