

WAKULLA SPRINGS

April 10-13, 2025

Thursday, April 10: Evening/moonlight guided paddle with TnT Hideaway on the Wakulla River. \$70 covers cost of tour and kayak rental. It is recommended that individuals register in advance to guarantee a spot. For more information: <https://tnthideaway.com/tours-and-services>

Friday, April 11: St. Marks Lighthouse Paved Trail Bike Ride. 34 mile ride begins at St. Marks Trail, Wakulla Station (where restrooms and water are available). Click here for information regarding the St Marks National Wildlife Refuge: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/st-marks/about-us>

Ride description: Ride paved trail 4 miles. At Hwy 98, turn left and ride 3 miles on paved trail. At Lighthouse Road, turn right and follow road 10 miles through refuge. You will need \$2 or a national park pass to enter park. There are bathrooms at the Visitor's Center and at the lighthouse.

Saturday, April 12: Marshes Sands Paved Trail Bike Ride. 66 mile ride begins at St. Marks Trail, Wakulla Station.

Ride description: Ride paved trail 4 miles. At Hwy 98, turn right and follow 24.5 miles, connecting to Ochlockonee Bay Trail to Marshes Sands Beach. There are bathrooms at Marshes Sands Beach, but no water. There is a convenience store at the intersection of the Ochlockonee and Coastal Trails.

Other things to do:

Alfred B Maclay Botanical Gardens and State Park:
<https://www.floridastateparks.org/MaclayGardens>

Alligator Point Beach: <https://www.floridastateparks.org/MaclayGardens>

Caravelle, FL (fishing village): <https://www.mycarrabelle.com/recreation/city-parks/>

Birding and hiking: there are 7 trails inside St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge:
alltrails.com

Mountain biking: There are 147 trails in/near Tallahassee plus 9 area parks:
<https://www.mtbproject.com/directory/8007711/tallahassee>

Springs:

Madison Blue Spring: A great stop en route to Wakulla. Just 34 miles south of Valdosta.
<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/madison-blue-spring-state-park>

Wakulla Spring: Largest, deepest spring in Florida. Riverboat tours cost \$8. Access directly behind The Lodge at Wakulla Springs.

Wacissa Springs: US 27 E of Tallahassee. Take a right on FL 59 South. Great swimming hole with a rope swing. <https://floridahikes.com/wacissasprings/>

Merrits Mill Pound in Mariana, FL: 3 springs with crystal clear water. Off of US 90. (Popular for fishing). <https://myfwc.com/fishing/freshwater/sites-forecasts/nw/merritt-s-mill-pond/>

Note: Meal options will be provided once the club knows how many individuals plan to come.

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